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Mount Olive in 1970



Mount Olive about 1948

Mount Olive, the second oldest Church in the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association, completed its formal organization and was recognized and accepted as a Missionary Baptist Church in 1851. The church building, known as the Mount Olive Meeting House, was built and in use at least four years before this date.

In the Beulah Baptist Association, which met in August, 1846, a resolution was passed that during the ensuing year the Domestic Missionary be instructed to labor in the Counties of Stokes, Rockingham, Guilford and Surry. At this time Stokes and Forsyth were Stokes County and Surry and Yadkin were Surry County. Elder Elias Dodson was the Domestic Missionary, and his work consisted of helping weak churches grow stronger and establishing new churches throughout the Beulah Baptist Association.

In the Beulah Associational Meeting in August, 1847, Elder Dodson reported that he had traveled 3720 miles, preached 203 sermons and assisted in the construction of three churches. According to his report, most of these sermons were delivered in private homes, under shade trees or anywhere else a crowd would gather. We are positive that one of the churches he refers to was Friendship, which was established in 1847, and is the oldest Church in the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association. We are just as sure that many of those miles were traveled in the vicinity of Mount Olive and that many of those sermons were preached in the Mount Olive Meeting House. It is also possible that one of the churches he assisted in the construction of was this same Meeting House which was built on privately owned land.

Mount Olive Meeting House was erected in 1847, and could have been built before that time. Evidently Elder Dodson and probably some other traveling preachers had come through this area and held a series of meetings. Mr. William Boyles was so stirred up and impressed by these messages that he built a house of worship on his own land. This has not been substantiated by the brief reports of Elder Dodson, but it was a common occurrence in those days. This Meeting House was built to serve the entire community for three things: for preaching services of any member of the Christian Faith who was traveling in or through the area, for funeral services for all who requested its use, and to serve as either a public or private school. It was used at irregular intervals as a private subscription school and as a public school for a few years before the Goff School was built.

The minutes of Friendship Baptist Church of Christ had two unusual features about them: first, the name "Baptist Church of Christ,"; and second, the date "On Saturday before the 3rd Lord's Day of February 1848." "The Church requested the Presbytery of the Beulah Association to go to Mount Olive, which is an arm of this Church, for the purpose of examining the members of said arm, and, if found qualified, to constitute them into a regular Baptist Church of Christ."

According to this entry in the minutes of Friendship Baptist Church, Mount Olive, though not a constituted Baptist Church, had some members at this time. There is no record whether the Presbytery examined and were

displeased with the result or whether it was just postponed for three and one-half years.

About the time of the above entry, the following indenture was recorded at the Courthouse in Germanton, N.C.

"This Indenture made and entered into between William Boyles of the one part and John W. Gibson, Isham Boyles and William B. Boyles Trustees of the arm of the Missionary Baptist Church at Friendship, all of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina of the other part, witnesseth that the said William Boyles for and in consideration of the love and affection he hath for the Boon of said Church located on the Little Yadkin at Mount Olive Meeting House and for the further consideration of one dollar to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath this day given, bargained and sold unto said Trustees for the use of the Branch of said Church a certain piece of land containing one acre beginning at a post oak thence west forty yards to a stake thence south one-hundred yards to a stake thence east forty yards to a stake and thence north one-hundred yards to the beginning to include the Mount Olive Meeting House, to have and to hold the said one acre of land with all the appurtenances to the said Trustees and their successors in Office for the use of the said Branch of said Church and also for their use when constituted into an independent Church. I do bind my heirs, executors and administrators to said Trustees and their successors in Office to all the rights, titles and claims I have to the said one acre of land forever. Whereunto I set my hand and seal in the presence of this 15th February 1848.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Test. Alexander Boyles

William Boyles

Martin Boyles

Some facts that are established by this Deed: it was an Arm of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, that a meeting house had been built, that the Church was partly organized in that Trustees had been elected and that the Church did have an active membership.

The Boyles family was instrumental in establishing Mount Olive Church and for a long time was the most active and influential family name in the Church. Of the six names on the original deed, five of them are Boyles'; William Boyles gave the land and building, two of his sons, Alexander and Martin witnessed his signature and his first cousins William B. Boyles and Isham Boyles were two of the original Trustees. At least one-half of the charter members were Boyles'.

In the first census ever taken in the United States in 1784, a William Boyles was the only Boyles living in the entire State of North Carolina. He died in 1797. In the census of 1800, John Boyles, William Boyles and Hugh Boyles were listed in Stokes County. All three of these men were the sons of the first William Boyles. John, the oldest of the three sons had several children and one of these was named William. This William, son of John and grandson of the first William, was the one that gave the land and building to Mount Olive.

William, the second son (could have been William Junior), had a large number of children but they moved out of the County in 1860 and none of the Boyles' in this area today are his descendents. Hugh, the youngest of the three Boyles Brothers, had several children and two of them, Solomon and Noah, have a large number of descendents in the Church today.

William, the man that gave the land, had three sons, John, Alexander and Martin. Two of these sons, John, who was known to everyone in later years as "Uncle Jack" and Alexander known to all as "Little Eck," have a large number of descendents in the Church today. "Uncle Jack" had eight sons, six of whom were killed in the Civil War, namely - John Jr., Alexander M., Calvin H., James H., Augustin H., and Irvin Edwin. Riley R. was the only one that served in the War and survived. Wade H. was only six years old when the War started. He was an active member of Mount Olive as long as his health permitted. The last person buried at Old Mount Olive Graveyard was Mary Ann Boyles. She was "Uncle Jack's" only daughter and she never fully recovered from the terrible and tragic death of her six brothers.

Two of the Boyles' married sisters, "Uncle Jack married Charity and Noah married Sarah, or Sally as she was called, the daughters of John Ferguson, who was also listed in the 1784 census. Two other prominent men who lived in this area in the early 1800's, Meredith Bennett and William P. Pulliam, had a number of children and grandchildren who were active in the Church in its early days. Incidentally, Meredith Bennett's mother was a full blooded Indian. Her name was Lettie and she was the daughter of Chief Running Horse of the Cherokee Indian Tribe. Over one-half of the members of Mount Olive Church today are descendents of one or more of these four men; namely, William Boyles, John Ferguson, Meredith Bennett and William P. Pulliam. A few members can claim all four of them for ancestors.

During its three years of existence as an arm of Friendship Baptist Church, and before it was constituted as a Missionary Baptist Church, and had a regular Pastor, visiting ministers Elias Dodson, Julius Terrell, Pinkney Oliver and D.A. Poindexter preached at irregular intervals. As the Church had a house of worship and a board of trustees in Feb. 1848, was led, instructed and preached to by some of the most devout Christians of that day, something (and it would be a delightful discovery to find out what that something was) kept Mount Olive from being accepted as an independent Baptist Church for three and a half years.

It was not stated in the minutes of Friendship, who was dismissed by letter to join Mount Olive. There were thirteen charter members of Friendship in June, 1847, and two of them, William Tillotson and Thomas Tillotson, lived in the vicinity of Mount Olive and probably became charter members of Mount Olive also. There were no charter members at Friendship by the name of Boyles. In July 1847, one month after the Church at Friendship was organized, the following people joined who also probably became charter members at Mount Olive, namely: Isham Boyles, Cynthia Boyles, John Boyles, Alexander Boyles, Nancy Boyles, Solomon Boyles, Elizabeth Boyles, Margaret Boyles, Charity Boyles, John W. Gibson, Temperance Gibson, Mary Gibson, Theeny



Gibson, Daniel Hall, and Mary Tillotson. In February, 1848, Noah Boyles, Sarah Boyles and William B. Boyles joined (and they also could have been charter members). There were 30 charter members at Mount Olive and this could have been 20 of them.

It would be interesting to know exactly what happened here. It doesn't seem likely that fifteen people from one neighborhood would travel five miles or more and join a Church, which was only one month old, all at one time. Evidently, and there is no proof of this, these people had already organized themselves as a religious body, and because their home Church was not an independent constituted Church, they sought temporary membership elsewhere. It is possible that Mount Olive is older than Friendship, not as an organized Baptist Church, but as a body of Christian people worshipping together.

The building has been described as being constructed of extra large logs hewn to a thickness of about eight inches. It was covered with homemade boards which were nailed on with homemade square nails. Other parts of the building, rafters, sleepers, door frames, etc., were put together with pegs. The pillows were large rocks and the doorsteps consisted of one large rock in a semicircle shape. The building had one front door and one side door. The side door was on the north side of the Church next to the cemetery. Old timers who remember the building cannot recall a chimney, but there was a small wood burning stove which provided some heat. The pipe from this stove went through a hole in the wall near the ceiling. The stove must not have provided sufficient heat, as many services were called off because of the "inclemency" of the weather. At an auction sale held after the church building was no longer in use, a stove was offered for sale. The benches and all of the interior furnishings were built by the members, many of whom were real craftsmen.

There has been some question as to just where the church building stood. The road which is straight now, once curved around a group of trees in such a way that, at the eastern edge of the cemetery, the road was several feet south of where it is today. The entire church property on the south side of the road was a grove that was used as a hitching ground. The Church stood at the southeast corner of the cemetery on the same side of the road. The exact site of the building would be where the center of the road is today.

Many people recall that they have heard that two buildings had served as a church at this site. About fifty years ago, when the neighbors were "cleaning off the graveyard," an elderly man who was standing about twenty feet from the eastern edge of the graveyard announced that the spot on which he was standing was one of the original corners of the first Mount Olive Meeting House. This is possible and believable, but there is no record or positive proof of it.

The minutes prior to 1879 do not exist. It has been told that three of the more prominent members in a private meeting decided that the minutes were so personally embarrassing to them that they threw them in the fire. If this happened, and something went with them, it was a real tragedy. These minutes would have told of the complete organization, who the charter members were, who were the first elected Deacons, Trustees and Church officials, the



struggle that the Church went through during the Civil War, and some information on the soldier members. We do not know whether the six Boyles Brothers or several other boys killed in the Civil War were members of the Church or not.

When the minutes were destroyed, one of the members concerned wrote one sentence to start the record book we have today. The statement is as follows: "Mount Olive, an arm of Friendship Baptist Church, was constituted July 17, 1851, by Brethren E. Dodson, C. Duncan and Julius Terrell, Presbytery."

The Presbytery was a select group of ministers, expert in the field of Baptist Doctrine, who had been appointed by the Beulah Baptist Association to work in that field, questioning and examining the officials and leading members as to their beliefs, creeds, ordinances, plans and procedures of worship for the new Church. Elias Dodson was a very important man in the early years at Mount Olive; also Julius Terrell is often mentioned in Associational minutes, but this is the only reference made about C. Duncan.

A custom at Mount Olive for nearly a century was to have preaching services on one Sunday per month, to be preceded by a Saturday Afternoon Service in which a business meeting was held. At these meetings, the roll was called for male members only; it seems that female members did not count when business matters came up. One purpose of the roll call was to determine if a quorum was present. Only male members who were in fellowship could be a part of this quorum. If any member answered the roll call who had been absent three services or more, he was reprimanded by the Pastor, unless he came up with a satisfactory excuse. At these business meetings and in the last few services of the annual protracted meeting (known by everyone as the "Big Meeting") the doors of the Church were opened to receive new members. Members were received by letter, experience or a request to be reinstated after being excluded (never by a profession of faith).

A call for new business almost always brought out an accusation or confession on somebody's part. A public announcement of this kind was bound to be extremely embarrassing for the members involved, but it bestowed some dignity and authority on the Church. After one of these church trials when the air had been cleared, many members walked a little straighter, held their head a little higher and tried to live a more acceptable Christian life because of an open confession, an investigation and some direct and often stern warning, admonition and fatherly advice.

In most of the Conference meetings, a sentence in the minutes goes like this: Brother — (stating the name of the accuser) — rose and stated that Brother — (stating the name of the accused) — had been seen intoxicated. If the accused brother was present, he either admitted or denied the accusation. If he admitted committing the sin and said he was sorry and seemed to really repent of his error, he was reprimanded by the Moderator and acquitted. If he denied it, the Moderator appointed a committee of three men or more to investigate the matter fully and report to the next Conference. When the investigating committee gave their report, if he or she (females were accused also but never served on an investigating committee) was found guilty, he or she was excluded from fellowship for a period and if the sinning continued,

the guilty party was voted out of the Church. If a member was accused and was not present, the Moderator appointed someone to notify the accused to be present at the next conference. If he failed to appear he was excluded from fellowship and, if after a certain time he still had not appeared for an open hearing, he was voted out of the Church.

Other forms of misbehavior for which a member could be and often was excluded from fellowship were: playing cards on the Sabbath (playing during the week was excusable), performing certain tasks on the Sabbath, walking disorderly, being disorderly, being overtaken in a fault, immoral behavior, misrepresent another by circulating a false report and many other sins of a like nature. One brother was brought before the Church for operating a still. Sometimes a member would rise and state that he was not in fellowship with all the members. This meant that he and another member were having a big fuss. This statement was often followed by an open accusation or a heart-felt confession, the truth of the matter would come out, tense feelings would relax, and peace and friendship would be restored. Many feuds have been averted because of the power and authority of the Christian Church. Almost all members feared, respected and lived by the decisions of the Church. In a way a church trial had precedence over a court trial, as no member of a Church who had committed a misdemeanor or minor infraction of the law would be brought to Court until the Church, in Conference, had dealt with the accused.

When a member wished to join another Church, if it was of the same faith and order, he was granted a letter; but if it was of a different faith and order, he was declared out of fellowship and excluded or expelled from the Church.

After these trials were reported on and settled or postponed, other business matters were disposed of. One of these items of great concern, the same as it is today, was the collecting of money. There is a lot in the minutes about appointing committees to take collections, mostly for the Pastor's salary, and their reports of success or lack of success. Another item that appears often is the appointment of delegates and alternate delegates to the Association, Union Meetings, Sunday School Associations and Conventions. Mount Olive has always been very active and cooperative in all Church organizations.

A custom that prevailed, not only at Mount Olive but at most other Churches during the nineteenth century, was the method of conducting a funeral service. At the time of the burial, a brief service was held at the grave, most times conducted by a lay member. Then sometime within the next month and on some occasions longer than that, a funeral service would be preached at the Church. This custom started when ministers were so far apart and travel so slow, that it was almost impossible to get a preacher to the funeral service at a convenient time. When the regular preaching Sunday arrived, the Pastor would make any remarks he cared to that were appropriate for the funeral service. It was not unusual for two or more such services to be held on the same Sunday, maybe a month or more after the deceased had been buried.

The minutes of the Beulah Baptist Association, which had been formed in 1833 and covered a ten county area, contain a lot of valuable information

about Mount Olive in its early years. One item of great interest in the minutes of 1848 – “The Association then proceeded to appoint a time and place of next meeting. The next session to be held with an arm of Friendship at Mount Olive in Stokes County in August 1849.” At the meeting in 1849, Friendship Church was the Host but the sessions were held in the Mount Olive Meeting House. The only reference in the minutes that identified the area was, “The Association wishes to thank the members of Friendship and the people of the Mount Olive community for their hospitality.”

In these early minutes, the members of the Committee on Higher Education were loud in their praise of Wake Forest College and fervent in their appeals for support for all education. The Female Institute at Murfreesboro had just been established and a glowing report of its first year and future possibilities was given. This Committee also urged every member to support local education, even advising members to allow church buildings to be used until the local government could build schoolhouses. Another Committee would give their not-so-glowing report on the Sunday School situation. They bemoaned the lack of interest. The Baptist Church, not so long before this, had split over the issues of Missions and Sunday Schools, and a lot of members had not come around to Missionary Baptist thinking. Every year the importance of an active Sunday School in every Church was stressed and finally a report of 100% participation was given. Another issue that always claimed its share of the attention was that of strong drink. No one has ever fought the liquor problem with the zeal and dedication of the Missionary Baptists. The fight has never been won and seems hopeless, but Baptists are noted for their perseverance in a fight when they know their cause is right. Something else that always came up at the annual Association, a delegate would rise and state that his Church had a fellowship problem that could not be settled in the local Church, and asked for help in solving the problem. A Committee appointed by the Association would study the problem and offer a solution. Not everyone was happy with the verdict, but accepted it as this was the last place in which to appeal.

### FROM THE MINUTES OF FRIENDSHIP

“Friendship Baptist Church of Christ, Saturday before the 3rd Lord’s Day of April 1849.

Brother William B. Boyles was appointed Deacon to wait upon the arm at Mount Olive.”

“Saturday before the 3rd Lord’s Day of February 1850.

A rule adopted that any person belonging to the Church at Friendship or Mount Olive getting tired of the rules of the Church, requested to come before the Church and lay in their complaint.”

*(According to this entry, members were being accepted at Mount Olive, about a year and a half before it was organized as an Independent Church.)*

“Saturday before the 3rd Lord’s Day of March 1851.

Brother Alexander Boyles chosen Deacon to act in the arm at Mount Olive.”



One item in the minutes not concerning Mount Olive.

A certain brother and his wife were brought before the Church charged with selling cider at the Camp Meeting.

At the eighteenth annual session of the Beulah Baptist Association held at Good Will Meeting House in Forsyth County, August 15-18, 1851:

"A letter was received and read from the Mount Olive Church in Stokes County, constituted by the Presbytery of the Beulah Association since the last meeting. On motion, this Church was unanimously received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates by the Moderator."

The delegates were: Alexander Boyles, William B. Boyles and Julius Terrell. Elder Terrell was an ordained minister, who had been a member of the Presbytery that consecrated Mount Olive. As a delegate to the Association he evidently was a member of Mount Olive. At this session, John H. Caudle was ordained into the ministry. It was a custom at this time for all ordination services to take place at the annual meeting of the Association.

#### **Ephesus Meeting House in Person County, August 13-16, 1852**

Mount Olive was making its first annual report.

Delegates — William B. Boyles and J.E. Cramner

Pastor — D.A. Poindexter

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

6 additions 2 by baptism and 4 by letter total membership 36

*The membership before these 6 were added was 30, which made up the charter members of Mount Olive as an organized independent Church. However, a group, probably less than 30, had been worshipping at the Meeting House for at least four years before this. The people that started this service would really be the charter members.*

#### **Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Surry County, August 19-22, 1853**

Delegates — Alexander Boyles and William B. Boyles

Pastor — D.A. Poindexter

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

2 received by baptism, 1 by letter, 1 excluded or expelled, 1 deceased,  
total membership 37

No letter was sent in for 1854

#### **Madison Baptist Church, Rockingham County, August 17-20, 1855**

Delegate — Alexander Boyles

Pastor — J.H. Caudle (This was the man that was ordained in 1851. He was already serving at Friendship)

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

No new members received, 6 expelled, total membership 27

*(The Church had lost 4 members in 1854). This has been an alltime low for membership.*

**Mills Creek Baptist Church, Person County, August 1856**

No delegates, letter was sent

Pastor — J.H. Caudle

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

5 received by baptism, 3 by letter, 1 restored, 2 expelled, 1 deceased,  
total membership 31

**Trinity Baptist Church, Caldwell County, August 1857**

No delegates, letter was sent

Pastor — J.H. Caudle

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

8 received by Baptism, 1 by letter, 3 excluded, total 45

**Cane Creek Baptist Church, Orange County, August 1858**

No delegates, letter was sent

Pastor — J.H. Caudle

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

None added, 1 expelled, total 44

**Elm Grove Baptist Church, Guilford County, August 1859**

Delegates — H.C. Gibson, Robert W. Boyles

Pastor — None (J.H. Caudle had evidently resigned but he was urged to return).

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

1 baptized, 1 dismissed by letter, 2 expelled, total 39

*At this Associational Meeting a comprehensive report was given on all the Baptist Institutions of Higher Learning; namely, Wake Forest, Female Institute at Murfreesboro, College at Oxford and Beulah Male Institute.*

No delegates or letter in 1860.

**Friendship Baptist Church, Stokes County, August 1861**

Delegates — Alexander Boyles, H.C. Gibson, and Alex Page

Pastor — J.H. Caudle

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

10 baptized, 2 excluded, total 58

**Beulah Baptist Church, Caswell County, August 1862**

No delegates, letter was sent

Pastor — J. H. Caudle

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

11 baptized, 2 received by letter, total 56

**Madison Baptist Church, Rockingham County, August 1863**

No delegates, letter was sent

Pastor — J. H. Caudle

Clerk — Alexander Boyles

No new members added, 2 excluded, 3 deceased, total 49

**Clement Baptist Church, Person County, August 1864**

Delegate — Albert Boyles

Pastor — J.H. Caudle

Clerk – Alexander Boyles

7 baptized, 5 received by letter, 3 excluded, 2 deceased, total 55

*In 1863 there were three members deceased and two in 1864. There were several boys who were casualties of the Civil War in these years that their families were members of Mount Olive. We are not positive, but we can assume that some of these deceased members were soldiers killed in action.*

No record of Association for 1865.

**Kerr's Chapel, Caswell County, August 1866**

Delegate – A.E. Smith

Pastor – J.H. Caudle

Clerk – Alexander Boyles

40 new members by baptism, 2 excluded, total 95

*This was the most successful year that Mount Olive ever had percentage wise, the membership was nearly doubled.*

**Mount Olive Baptist Church, Stokes County, August 1867**

Delegates – H.C. Gibson, William Slate and James Bennett

Pastor – J.H. Caudle

Clerk – Albert Boyles

6 added by baptism, 1 by letter, 2 expelled, total 101

**Ephesus Baptist Church, Person County, August 1868**

Delegates – Elder J.H. Caudle and A.E. Smith

Pastor – J.H. Caudle

Clerk – W.G. Slate

3 dismissed by letter, 3 excluded, total 95

*At this session a report was given for the first time on Sunday School activities and enrollment. Mount Olive was not in this report.*

No records for 1869 or 1870.

**Yancyville Baptist Church, Caswell County, August 1871**

Delegates – Albert Boyles, J.M. Dorsett and J.M. Eaton

Pastor – Pinkney Oliver

Clerk – Albert Boyles

18 added by baptism, 3 dismissed by letter, 1 excluded, total 85

*We are not positive just what year Rev. Pinkney Oliver was elected Pastor, as no records exist for 1869 or 1870.*

A note in the records of Beulah Baptist Association for 1872: "No meeting of the Association, their place of meeting being occupied by a Military force."

No records for 1873 – Probably same reason

**Milton Baptist Church, Caswell County, August 1874**

Pastor – Pinkney Oliver

No delegates sent, or Clerk mentioned

Total Membership 85

No records for 1875 or 1876



**Greensboro Baptist Church, Guilford County, August 1877**

Delegates — W.G. Slate, Albert Boyles and William L. Smith

Pastor — Robert Gourley

Clerk — William L. Smith

None added, 2 dismissed by letter, 7 expelled, total 96

Sunday School enrollment 38. *This is the first record of a Sunday School at Mount Olive.*

**Beaver Island Church, Rockingham County, August 1878**

Delegates — A.M. Boyles, William G. Slate and William L. Smith

Pastor — Robert Gourley

Clerk — William L. Smith

Total membership 100      Sunday School enrollment 50

**APRIL 12, 1879**

Mount Olive Baptist Church in regular business meeting adopted the following “Rules of Decorum”:

1. The regular meetings for business shall be at such times as the Church may direct.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Moderator, and in his absence by the Deacons and Clerk.
3. Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
4. The Pastor, and in his absence anyone appointed by the Church, shall act as Moderator.
5. The Moderator shall keep order, state the question, and take the vote on all questions and decide in case of a tie.
6. The Moderator shall open and close the conference with religious exercises.
7. The order of business shall be as follows:
  1. Enquire for fellowship of Church.
  2. Invite members of sister church to seats.
  3. Receive members.
  4. Read minutes of last meeting.
  5. Unfinished business.
  6. New business.
  7. No new motion shall be received until the one under consideration is disposed of.
  8. Every member who wishes to speak shall rise and address the Moderator.
  9. In the reception of members the vote must be unanimous, in all other cases a majority shall decide.
10. The Moderator can give his views upon all questions before the Church by addressing any member as Moderator, who shall exercise the authority of Moderator while he is speaking.

In the business conference of the Church, at least one thing has made a big change. In 1879, and probably several years after that, the Church had to go into conference before it could allow members to join either

by letter or by relating their experience. They did not sing an invitational hymn. The Moderator announced in a very business-like manner that any who would like to unite with the Church to rise, come forward and state their intention.

#### **MAY 10, 1879**

Conference opened in regular order, minutes read and approved. On motion went into an election for Pastor and Brother Gourly was unanimously elected for the next year. \$20.75 raised by subscription for past services.

M.C. Dorsett, deputy clerk

William L. Smith, clerk

#### **JUNE 7, 1879**

Minutes read and corrected. Door opened for the reception of members. Delegated Brethren DeWitt V. Carroll, J.M. Eaton and William L. Smith to attend the Association at Clement in Person County. Clerk is ordered to prepare a letter for the Association and read the same at next conference meeting.

#### **JULY 10, 1879**

A sermon by Bro. J.B. Hartwell, after which he received \$4.58 for California Chinese Mission.

#### **JULY 12, 1879**

Letter to the Association read and received. Amount raised to send to the Association: for Associational fund, \$2.00; California Missions, \$1.00; State Missions, \$6.00; Foreign Missions, \$7.00. Total for the year \$26.33. Elected Brother R.A. Hauser, Deacon of the Church.

*This is the first reference to the election of Deacons since William B. Boyles and Alexander Boyles were elected at Friendship. The minutes for the Beulah Association does not mention the Deacons and the Church minutes from 1851 to 1879 had been destroyed.*

#### **Clement Baptist Church, Person County, August 1879**

Delegates — None, the above appointed men did not attend

Pastor — Robert Gourly

Clerk — William L. Smith

Total membership 90      Sunday School enrollment 75

A. Ellis Smith was the Superintendent of Sunday School, William L. Smith taught the adults from the Bible and Mrs. Pinkney Oliver taught the children from the Blue Back Spelling Book. This was in keeping with the Doctrine of the Baptist Church, to teach children not only about Jesus Christ but to help them attain enough education to read and understand the Scriptures.

#### **SEPTEMBER 13, 1879**

Upon motion we agree to protract the October meeting whereupon Elders C.C. Haymore, H.A. Brown and Pinkney Oliver are invited to participate with us at this time.

#### **MAY 8, 1880**

By motion, elected Elder Robert Gourly Pastor for the year ending 1881.

## **JUNE 12, 1880**

The Church moved to celebrate the Robert Raikes Sabbath School Century the fourth Lord's Day in this month; also that Elder John H. Caudle be invited to participate with us and that he also preach a sermon suitable for the occasion. Delegated William L. Smith, A.M. Boyles and William G. Slate to attend the Beulah Association at Waughtown.

## **Waughtown Baptist Church, Forsyth County, August 1880**

Delegates — William G. Slate and William L. Smith

Pastor — Robert Gourly

Clerk — William L. Smith

Total membership 85      Sunday School 38

Sunday School Supt. — George Wilson

## **OCTOBER 9, 1880**

Church proposed to protract the November meeting; and invited Elders Pinkney Oliver, Rufus Crews and T.D. Casstephens to participate.

## **FEBRUARY 13, 1881**

The Church and the people of the Mount Olive community agree to send a petition to the Legislature in behalf of the Prohibition Bill.

## **JANUARY 11, 1881**

By acclamation, Elder R.W. Crews was unanimously elected Pastor for the ensuing year.

## **Ephesus Baptist Church, Person County, August 1881**

Delegate — William L. Smith

Pastor — Robert Gourly (R.W. Crews elected to start next month)

Clerk — William L. Smith

S.S. Supt. — George Wilson

Total members 90      Sunday School 46

In the obituary portion of the minutes of the Association was a tribute to Elder Julius Terrell who died in 1880 in Stokes County. Elder Terrell was a very important man to Mount Olive in its early years. Some very interesting facts were brought out about his life. He joined Kentuck Baptist Church in 1823. Only went to school nine months in his entire life, yet he was well read and well informed. He moved to Stokes County in 1827, twenty years before the first Missionary Baptist Church as we know it today was organized. He was a member of the Church before it divided, but he strongly believed in Missions and withdrew from fellowship. He continued to preach in school houses and under shade trees. In 1844, he was delighted to be received back into the Baptist Church at Madison, N.C. On one occasion he preached on top of the Pinnacle of Pilot Mountain to 29 hearers.

## **OCTOBER 1, 1881**

Church invited Elders C.C. Haymore, Pinkney Oliver and James Lewellyn to aid in a series of meetings to begin Saturday before the fifth Sunday of this month.



## **MAY 6, 1882**

Elder R.W. Crews was unanimously elected Pastor for the ensuing year.

## **Leaksville Baptist Church, Rockingham County, August 1882**

Delegates — John M. Gibson and William L. Smith

Pastor — R.W. Crews

Clerk — William L. Smith

S.S. Supt. — John M. Gibson

Total members 100      S.S. enrollment 64

## **MAY 5, 1883**

We the Church resolve to retain our Pastor so long as we and he can agree; either wishing to make a change shall give the other three months notice.

## **Kerr's Chapel, Caswell County, August 1883**

Delegate — William J. Johnson

Pastor — R.W. Crews

Clerk — William L. Smith

S.S. Supt. — William L. Smith

Total membership 101      S.S. enrollment 64

## **NOVEMBER 23, 1883**

Martha E. Pulliam came forward and joined the Church, and was baptized the following Sunday. "Aunt Liz," as she was known to everyone that knew her, started soon after this experience to teach a Sunday School class for beginners. This Sunday School was in a brush arbor about one mile east of where the Church now stands. Later a brush arbor was used for a Sunday School about where the Church is now. "Aunt Liz" was the "Card Class Teacher" for nearly sixty years, teaching three generations in some families. Hundreds of people in this area and many who have moved away remember her with love and devotion. She had more influence for good on the people of Yadkin Township in Stokes County than any other person. Everyone who attended her classes remember her as one of the "grandest people we have ever known."

A brush arbor used for a Sunday School was not unusual at this time. In the Association letter which every Church was required to send in every year, one of the statistics was "How many Sunday Schools?" Several Churches reported two or more. Everybody walked or rode horseback or in a wagon; so to travel several miles was impractical. Dan Hall, a member at Mount Olive, was the Superintendent of the Sunday School where "Aunt Liz" started teaching. When the brush arbor was rebuilt at the site of the present church, it soon became larger than the Sunday School at the Church. This could have been one of the decisive arguments to move the church. In other words, this was "the tail that wagged the dog."

## **FEBRUARY 2, 1884**

Brother William L. Smith offered his resignation as Church Clerk. It was accepted and Brother A. M. Boyles was elected.

### **MAY 3, 1884**

The Church proceeded to elect three Deacons: Brethren George W. Wilson, H.C. Gibson and M.C. Dorsett was elected. A.M. Boyles tendered his resignation as Church Treasurer. William J. Johnson was elected to that position.

### **Summerfield Baptist Church, Guilford County, August 1884**

Delegates — A.M. Boyles and William L. Smith

Pastor — R.W. Crews

Clerk — A.M. Boyles

Membership 32 males, 73 females total 105 (*This was the first time that males and females were reported separately*). No Sunday School report for 1884.

### **OCTOBER 4, 1884**

The Church proceeded to appoint Brethren H.C. Gibson, and G.W. Wilson as a Committee to select a site on the Danbury Road between Mr. J.W. Walls and Bro. G.W. Wilson's for the purpose of building a new church house and said Committee to report at our November Church conference.

### **NOVEMBER 7, 1884**

The Committee on the location for a church site reported that they had located a site, but the title for the land could not be cleared up until further investigation. The matter of taking a vote of the Church as to when will said church building be built was deferred until after the second conference and the above information could be obtained.

### **JANUARY 3, 1885**

The Committee on the location for a church site, reported that the proper information as to obtaining the land on the Danbury Road had not been received. The order that was made at the November conference to take the strength of the Church as to where said Church house should be built was rescinded. The church members that were present requested all of the Church to meet at our next regular Church Conference to decide when and where said church house should be built.

### **JANUARY 31, 1885**

The matter as to the location for a church house was taken up and after some discussion, by motion the matter was deferred until Saturday before the First Sabbath in August, 1885.

### **JULY 4, 1885**

The Church appointed Brethren J.M. Eaton, John M. Gibson and A.M. Boyles as delegates to attend the next Association to be held with the Lewisville Church in Forsyth County and Brethren H.C. Gibson, G.W. Wilson and R.T. Pulliam was appointed alternates. By motion of the Church, the above delegates were instructed to ask for a letter of dismissal, provided that other churches asked for the same, from the Beulah Association to form a new Association with other churches.

## **AUGUST 1, 1885**

The Church proceeded to an election as to where a new church house should be erected. The result of said election was as follows; 39 for where the Church now stands, 6 to build on the Danbury Road site.

## **Lewisville Baptist Church, Forsyth County, August 1885**

Delegates -- None, letter sent

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk -- A.M. Boyles

Membership 34 males, 77 females, total 111

No Sunday School report

*At this Associational meeting, Mount Olive, along with several other Churches, asked for a letter of dismissal from Beulah Baptist Association to join the Pilot Mountain Association which was in the process of being organized.*

*The first report on the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville was given. The Orphanage had been founded in Nov. 1884 with J.H. Mills as General Superintendent.*

## **SEPTEMBER 5, 1885**

The Church proceeded to appoint a building committee for the erection of a new church house. Brethren M.D. Phillips, H.C. Gibson, P. Oliver, G.W. Wilson and A.M. Boyles were appointed.

## **NOVEMBER 28, 1885**

By motion Elder J.H. Caudle was appointed and authorized to receive members at Covington Schoolhouse and baptize them into the fellowship of Mount Olive Church.

## **JUNE 5, 1886**

The Church appointed A.M. Boyles, W.R. Moser and John E. Smith as delegates to the Pilot Mountain Association to be held at Friendship Baptist Church in August, 1886. (This would be the first meeting of the Pilot Mountain Association).

## **Pilot Mountain Association, August 1886**

Delegates -- W.R. Moser, George Wilson and H.C. Gibson

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk -- A.M. Boyles

8 baptized, 1 expelled, 1 deceased, 40 males, 69 females, total 109

No Sunday School record

## **OCTOBER 2, 1886**

The Church proceeded to appoint the following named brethren as Trustees of Mount Olive Church property: M.D. Phillips, H.C. Gibson, G.W. Wilson, A.E. Smith and D.V. Carroll.

*The group that wanted to build a new church house at the old site seemed to be on the winning side according to the vote of August 1885. The above named Trustees on this very day bought one acre of land from I.B. Gentry, east of the existing church property for the purpose of building a new church house. A deed dated on this date, Oct. 2,*



1886, shows that I.B. Gentry and his wife Eliza Gentry sold to M.D. Phillips, H.C. Gibson, G.W. Wilson, D.V. Carroll and A.E. Smith one acre of land for \$5.00.

#### **NOVEMBER 6, 1886**

The following named brethren were ordained as Deacons of Mount Olive Church; G.W. Wilson and H.C. Gibson.

#### **APRIL 30, 1887**

The Pastor proceeded to appoint delegates to attend the Union Meeting of the Pilot Mountain Association at Mountain Chapple (to wit) W.J. Johnson, John M. Gibson and A.M. Boyles.

#### **MAY 29, 1887**

The Pastor and a quorum of the members being present at Mountain Chapple Church on the 29 inst, assisted in an organizational meeting of Mountain Chapple Church. The members of Mount Olive granted letters of dismissal to the following named brothers and sisters: (to wit) Annie Mitchell, Mrs. Martha Page, George Thomas, Mrs. Martha Boze, Miss Eliza Roberts, and Miss Fannie G. Sams.

*The reference to Mountain Chapple remained a mystery for a long time. The minutes of the Pilot Mountain Association show that a small church in Stokes County by the name of Brown Mountain Chapel was struggling to establish itself and needed help. Mount Olive provided that help and the Church was organized. Later it dropped the Chapel part of its name and became Brown Mountain Baptist Church. The motion, passed in November, 1885 authorizing Elder J.H. Caudle to receive members at Covington Schoolhouse, was a part of Brown Mountain Church as the Schoolhouse was in that area.*

#### **Association, August 1887**

Delegates – A.M. Boyles, J.H. Gibson and W.J. Johnson

Pastor – R.W. Crews

Clerk – A.M. Boyles

Baptized 30, dismissed by letter 4, expelled 2, deceased 3, total 129

#### **OCTOBER 8, 1887**

By motion the location of the new Church was reconsidered, after some remarks by Elder P. Oliver and H.C. Gibson; the motion was carried, eleven for reconsideration and three against. By motion the matter as to the removal of the church location was opened for discussion. After some remarks by P. Oliver, H.C. Gibson and others, a motion was made which needed a second, to change the location of the church house from the old place to the Danbury Road site, at a point between G.W. Wilson's and Mr. J.W. Wall's. The Church then went into an election which resulted as follows: (to wit) 18 for the Road site and 12 for the old place, 6 majority for the Road.

*A lot of members seemed to have changed their minds since the election of August, 1885, as to just where to build the new church house. The Church was a long way from being in complete agreement on this matter, and this disagreement between the two factions was becoming*

*serious. On October 20, 1887, as a compromise measure, Brothers Albert Boyles and Thomas Tillotson gave two acres of land on the Quaker Road for a church building. To appease those who were against the move because they felt that the cemetery would be completely neglected, they specified in the deed that this property could never be used as a burial ground. This assured everyone that the cemetery at the old site would be used and cared for. There are two references in the deed which acknowledge a lack of harmony in the Church; "in the quiet and peaceable possession of the second part" and "that said Mount Olive Church is built and kept on said land."*

#### **NOVEMBER 26, 1887**

A called meeting. By motion the location of the new church building be reconsidered, a motion was made to locate at a point on the Quaker Road between Albert Boyles and Thomas Tillotson. Another motion then was made to locate back at the old place. The Church then went into an election. Brothers John M. Gibson and W.J. Johnson were appointed as tellers to take the vote, which resulted as follows: (to wit) 16 for the old place and 24 for the point on the Quaker Road. The Moderator refused to appoint a building committee. By motion the Church ordered Brother W.G. Slate to make the appointment. The following named Brethren were appointed as a building committee: (to wit) P.O. Bennett, W.J. Johnson, John M. Gibson, Dr. M.D. Phillips and A.M. Boyles. The above appointments were adopted by the Church. By motion Bro. H.C. Gibson was appointed to cooperate with said committee. By motion the committee was ordered to draft some plans in regard to the size of said church.

*H.C. Gibson was strongly in favor of building the proposed new church at the old location. He lived closer to the Church than anyone else; but the reason he did not want it moved, he believed the church, in a different location, would neglect the graveyard. The group that wanted to move said that a church either on the Danbury Road or the Quaker Road would be easier to get to because of roads and also either site would be more of a central location for the members. The popularity and size of the Sunday School under the brush arbor at the proposed site proves this point. A compromise was reached on this matter but H.C. Gibson and a few others always contended that it would have been better to have built on the old site.*

This indenture made this the 20th day of October in the year of our Lord, one-thousand eight hundred, and eighty-seven between Thomas Tillotson and wife Elizabeth and Albert Boyles and wife Martha Ann of the first part and P.O. Bennett, Joseph Oliver, John M. Gibson, William J. Johnson and Thomas E. Tillotson Trustees of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of the second part; witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the love that they have for the cause of Christ and for the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bar-

gained and sold and by these presence do grant bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part and to their successors in office, all that piece or parcel of land situated in Yadkin Township Stokes County North Carolina, bounded as follows (to wit) Beginning in Albert Boyles' line in the Quaker Road, running with said road 241 ft. to a post oak, thence N.W. to a pine on the West side of Danbury Road 97 ft. thence with the Danbury Road 250 ft. to a pine on the West side Albert Boyles' line, thence East with Albert Boyles' line 125 ft. to a chestnut oak on the side of the road, thence with the road S.E. to a pine on the East side of the road 195 ft. nearly East across the Quaker Road 150 ft. to a small spanish oak, North 150 ft. to Albert Boyles' line thence West on this line 100 ft. to the beginning containing nearly two acres; also the use of the spring on Tillotson's land and the way thereto together with the appurtances hereto belonging, and all the Estate rights, titles, interest claims and demands of the said parties of the first part herein for themselves and their heirs, executors, and administrators do covenant grant bargain and agree to and with the second parties and their successors in office, that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the second part and their successors; the parties of the first part shall forever warrant and defend the same, provided that said Mt. Olive Baptist Church is built and kept on said land and also no graves to be dug on said lot, and no dead buried on the same. In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Witness

A.M. Boyles

Thomas Tillotson  
Elizabeth Tillotson  
Albert Boyles  
Martha Boyles

### DECEMBER 3, 1887

The building committee reported the plans drafted in regard to the size and dimensions of Mount Olive Baptist Church house as follows; 38 feet by 60 feet, which plans were adopted by the Church.

### MARCH 3, 1888

Discussion of the deplorable condition we have got into by not paying our Pastor regularly; a resolution of the Church by motion and vote in regard to our Pastor's salary will be put in form of writing by secretary of Church Conference.

### MARCH 31, 1888

W.J. Johnson resigned as treasurer, John M. Gibson elected to replace him. By motion a committee of three was appointed (to wit) H.C. Gibson, Elder P. Oliver and A.M. Boyles to devise some plan by which our Pastor's salary could be met successfully and report at next conference.

### MAY 8, 1888

The committee on the Pastor's salary reported an amendment on a former resolution which was in substance as follows (to wit) Resolved,

that it is the sense of this church that each member who is not a subject of charity should pay regularly according to his or her ability towards the Pastor's support; Resolved, that if any member shall willfully neglect his or her duty in this department of our work it shall be the duty of the treasurer to report such member to the Church, and if found guilty shall be dealt with. After some discussion the Resolution was adopted by the Church.

#### **JUNE 2, 1888**

By motion the Church ordered the Trustees of the Mount Olive Church property to convey the title of a certain lot of land adjoining the lot first conveyed to the Church by William Boyles back to Mr. I.B. Gentry who had formerly conveyed the title to the said Trustees.

#### **NOVEMBER 29, 1871**

*I.E. Gentry and his wife Elizabeth had given or sold 1/4 acre of land adjoining the church property to Mount Olive Baptist Church. This was not the land mentioned above, as the 1/4 acre is still owned by the Trustees of Mount Olive Cemetary. The land bought from I.B. Gentry was bought for the specific purpose of building a new church when it seemed a sure thing that the new church would be built at the old site. As the new church was in the process of being built at another site, the land was no longer needed; therefore, the title was conveyed back to I.B. Gentry.*

#### **Pilot Mountain Association, August 1888**

Delegates – H.C. Gibson

Pastor – R.W. Crews

Clerk – A.M. Boyles

33 males, 81 females, total membership 114

#### **NOVEMBER 10, 1888**

The Building Committee submitted the following report; we have examined the meeting house and beg leave to report that we find the job satisfactory in all the essential details of the construction. The above report was received and adopted by the Church.

#### **FEBRUARY 3, 1889**

Brother W.G. Slate presented a letter in reference to the amount due him for building church house. By motion the Church assumed the payment of the balance yet due.

#### **APRIL 6, 1889**

By motion the following named brothers and sisters, Mary T. Wilson, Elizabeth Pulliam, J.T. Johnson, W.L. Smith and W.G. Slate were appointed a committee to take up a collection for the purpose of painting Mount Olive Baptist Church. By motion the Deacons of the Church were ordered to take into their charge and look after the support and salary of our Pastor. By motion the Clerk was ordered to spread upon the minutes of our Church record the organization of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Sunday School Association which is in substance as follows: (to wit) The Pilot Mountain Baptist Sunday School Association was



organized at Mount Olive Baptist Church Friday, March 29, 1889. Dr. C.T. Watkins of Winston, N.C. was chosen Moderator and R.A. Womach, secretary. Seventeen Baptist Sunday Schools sent in reports and delegates. The schools were reported in good condition with nearly 1500 scholars reported as attending the schools. Speeches by various workers and spirited discussions were very helpful in promoting the cause of Sunday Schools. Steps were taken to have a meeting of this kind every spring to stir up a deeper interest in Sunday School work.

*(It is not mentioned in the minutes just when the new church house was first used. The building was completed at this time and we can assume that an organizational meeting of this type would not have come to Mount Olive at this particular time if there had not been a large church in which to hold the meeting. It is not an established fact but this was probably the first time that the new church house was used.)*

### **JUNE 1, 1889**

By motion the Clerk was ordered to draw up an obligation for the Church specifying the amount yet due Bro. W.G. Slate for building Mount Olive Church house, which amount was \$265.03.

### **JULY 6, 1889**

By motion Brother W.G. Slate was chosen and elected Superintendent of the Mount Olive Sunday School.

### **Association, August 1889**

Delegates -- H.C. Gibson, W.W. Johnson and R.T. Pulliam

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk -- A.M. Boyles

Number enrolled in Sunday School 101

### **NOVEMBER 2, 1889**

A series of meetings lasting thirteen days resulted in 49 members joining the Church.

### **JANUARY 4, 1890**

Bro. H.C. Gibson rose and stated that the committee to take up a collection to paint the church had nearly enough funds to complete the work. J.E. Smith, W.L. Smith and W.G. Slate were appointed to superintend the work.

### **FEBRUARY 1, 1890**

Bro. A.M. Boyles resigned as Clerk and Bro. D.V. Carroll was appointed to succeed him.

### **MAY 31, 1890**

Bro. Thomas E. Tillotson was elected sexton and to receive five dollars per year for his services.

### **JULY 5, 1890**

Bro. M.D. Phillips made an interesting talk on the evils of dram drinking. Beginning with this meeting and going for some time, the members present at conference were mentioned by name in the minutes.

### **Association, August 1890**

No delegates or letter from Church. Sunday School reported  
Sunday School Supt. — W.G. Slate      enrollment 60

### **DECEMBER 6, 1890**

Bro. D.V. Carroll resigned as Clerk and Bro. L.J. Kiser was elected to succeed him.

### **JULY 4, 1891**

A motion was made and passed that every member should pay \$.25 during the year for missions or as near that amount as he or she could.

### **Association, August 1891**

Delegate — James Caudle

Pastor — R.W. Crews

Clerk — D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. — William L. Smith

Church membership 176      S.S. enrollment 88

### **Association, August 1892**

Delegates — H.C. Gibson and William Johnson

Pastor — R.W. Crews

Clerk — L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. — F.A. Slate

Membership 183      S.S. enrollment 75

### **DECEMBER 31, 1892**

It was suggested that old Mount Olive should be repaired for burial services, and the male members should meet on the second Monday in Jan. to suggest plans as to how to prepare the house.

### **JULY 1, 1893**

In the annual letter to the Pilot Mountain Association, the Church asked the Association be held with us next year.

### **Association, August 1893**

Delegates — H.C. Gibson and F.A. Slate

Pastor — R.W. Crews

Clerk — L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. — F.A. Slate

Membership 190      S.S. enrollment 73

### **SEPTEMBER 2, 1893**

Upon motion, a resolution in regard to selling the old Mount Olive Church building was called up for reconsideration. It was voted down and a committee was appointed to look after the repairing of the old church house for burial services. Bros. P.O. Bennett, J.H. Gibson, and G.W. Smith were appointed to this committee.

The delegates that had attended the Association reported that the next meeting of the Pilot Mountain Association would be held at Mount Olive in August 1894.

## NOVEMBER 4, 1893

A resolution was adopted that would deed the old Mount Olive church house and lot to a body of trustees of five (to wit) P.O. Bennett, J.H. Gibson, G.W. Smith, J.T. Johnson and Ernest Boyles. It was also resolved that they should be appointed by the Church and should be known as the Graveyard Trustees.

*The land that was deeded to the above named Trustees was the one acre that William Boyles had given to the Church in 1848 and an adjoining 1/4 acre from I.E. Geutry in 1871. The deed gave the dimensions of the property and other pertinent information and then the following statement was added, "To have and to hold the said tracts to them the said Trustees of Mount Olive Graveyard and their successors in office forever for the purpose of maintaining and keeping a graveyard on said land and for the purpose of holding funeral ceremonies in the building thereon and for no other purpose whatsoever.*

## JUNE 2, 1894

The following brethren were appointed to look after homes for the delegates and visitors of the Association to be held with this Church in August, (to wit) P.O. Bennett, F.A. Slate, J.T. Johnson, W.L. Smith, H.C. Gibson, S.F. Slate and Pinkney Oliver.

## Pilot Mountain Association held with Mount Olive, 1894

Delegates — H.C. Gibson, Thomas Tillotson and W.W. Johnson

Pastor — R.W. Crews

Clerk — L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. — J.T. Johnson

19 added by baptism, total 206, S.S. enrollment 42

Pastor's salary for the year \$83.00

At this session the following resolution was presented by P. Oliver and adopted: "Resolved that the faculty and trustees of Wake Forest College use such means as may be necessary to stop intercollegiate games, both of football and baseball."

*One of the men who participated in the program was a young lawyer who was practicing at Danbury. He gave the report on higher education and spoke on the subject, "Wake Forest is a Bank from which we draw out men." After he left Danbury he advanced rapidly in the field of law and government. This man, Thomas W. Bickett, was elected Governor of North Carolina in 1916.*

*In the Church minutes there was no mention of the Association which had been held with us.*

No Association records for 1895.

*Sometime during 1894, Brother C.C. Haymore was asked to cultivate the fields of Kings Cabin and Rural Hall. He yielded the work to Brother S.F. Courad. At the Association in 1896, Brother Conrad reported that he had preached 16 sermons, had visited 27 families and organized a Sunday School at Kings Cabin with about 75 scholars, and that a church was in the process of being organized.*

## **OCTOBER 5, 1895**

The following members applied for a letter of dismissal to join another church of like faith and order, (to wit) Elizabeth Slate, Mary Slate, Jennie Slate, Dolphus Slate and Julius Rumley. These members moved their membership from Mount Olive to help organize a new Baptist Church at King. The Church at King started with Brother S.F. Conrad in 1895 and completed its organization and had a church building in 1898. The above mentioned brothers and sisters, with some others who moved later from Mount Olive became charter members of King Baptist Church.

## **MAY 2, 1896**

Bro. George Smith resigned as treasurer and Bro. Joe Gibson was appointed to succeed him.

## **JUNE 6, 1896**

Sister M.E. Pulliam was elected assistant treasurer to collect from female members.

## **Association, 1896**

No delegates, letter sent

Pastor – R.W. Crews

Clerk – L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. – J.C. Tillotson

Baptized 25, expelled 10, total 227

## **JUNE 2, 1897**

A committee of three was appointed to dispose of the old Mount Olive Church building and its contents; namely, W.L. Smith, John Smith and J.H. Gibson.

*In July 1897, a crew was thrashing wheat at a home near the old church. When they quit for the day a storm was approaching rapidly. Several men had to walk past the church on their way home. Two younger men started running down the road and when they reached the old church the rain started and they sought shelter in the building. Another group coming on behind did not know that the first two had entered the church, also sought shelter there. When they stepped in the door, one of the boys inside the very dark building said loudly, "Come in, come in." That very unexpected invitation coming from the spooky interior scared them out of their wits and they left a lot faster than they had arrived. The word quickly got out over the neighborhood and it was believed for a long time by a lot of people that old Mount Olive Church was "haunted." It was a long time before the two boys admitted their part in this matter.*

## **FEBRUARY 6, 1897**

The committee appointed to dispose of the old church house and contents, offer the following report: after several days public notice we sold at auction the old house, stove, lamps, table, and benches for \$18.68. The committee, J.H. Gibson, W.L. Smith and J.E. Smith, after handing over the proceeds, were dismissed.



### **APRIL 3, 1897**

By motion the Church agreed to take the money from the sale of the old church and contents and buy books, "Gospel Hymns."

### **Association, 1897**

Delegates -- W.W. Johnson and A.M. Boyles

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk -- L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. Albert Boyles      total membership 241

S.S. enrollment 55

### **Association, August 1898**

Delegate -- William L. Smith

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk -- L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. -- J.C. Tillotson

Membership 237

### **FEBRUARY 4, 1899**

The invitation for membership given by singing a hymn.

*Evidently, this was something new, as all minutes in the past stated that the doors were open to receive members. For the next several months it is inserted in the minutes that the invitation was given by singing a hymn.*

### **APRIL 1, 1899**

A committee was appointed to see those members who have not attended church meetings in the last three months, (to wit) James T. Johnson, William Moser, Thomas Smith, D.V. Carroll, Joseph Gibson and R.H. Pulliam.

### **Association, August 1899**

Delegate -- D.V. Carroll

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk -- L.J. Kiser

No Sunday School report

### **NOVEMBER 4, 1899**

The protracted meeting continued until Friday, during this time there were a large number, 40, professions of faith in Christ and after baptism, they become members in full.

### **Association, 1900**

Delegates -- Albert Boyles and Joe Gibson

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk -- L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. -- D.V. Carroll

Total membership 265      S.S. enrollment 50

### **Association, August 1901**

Delegate -- D.V. Carroll

Pastor -- R.W. Crews

Clerk — L.J. Kiser  
Membership 251      No S.S. report

### **AUGUST 31, 1901**

Pastor R.W. Crews, having resigned our Church as Pastor, the Church has called Rev. R.M. Loftis.

### **OCTOBER 19, 1901**

Rev. R.M. Loftis accepted as Pastor for an indefinite period. If he or the Church become dissatisfied, they are to give 60 days notice before dismissal.

### **JANUARY 18, 1902**

The Church elected Deacons as follows: D.V. Carroll, W.R. Moser, R.H. Pulliam and J.M. Gibson.

### **APRIL 19, 1902**

On motion, D.V. Carroll is elected Supt. of Sunday School which is to be organized April 28; R.H. Pulliam Ass't. Supt. and L.K. Pulliam Secretary.

### **Association, August 1902**

Delegates — Pinkney Oliver, and J.W. Moser

Pastor — R.M. Loftis

Clerk — L.J. Kiser

S.S. Supt. — D.V. Carroll

Membership 251      S.S. enrollment 55

*R.W. Crews became Pastor of Mount Olive in 1881 and served until 1901, twenty years as Pastor. This is the longest period that any Minister has ever served Mount Olive.*

### **OCTOBER 18, 1902**

Upon examination it was found that the church building needed some repairs, and some changes were necessary as to the present location of the stoves. The Pastor appointed P. Oliver, R.H. Pulliam and J.E. Smith as a committee to make the said changes and repairs.

### **Association, August 1903**

Delegate — Thomas B. Smith

Pastor — R.M. Loftis

Clerk — D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. — William L. Smith

Total membership 263

### **MARCH 19, 1904**

Upon motion it was decided to begin Sunday School the First Sunday in April. D.V. Carroll elected Supt. J.T. Johnson Asst. and L.K. Pulliam Sec.

### **JULY 16, 1904**

L.J. Kiser resigned as Church Clerk and D.V. Carroll was appointed in his place.

#### **Association, August 1904**

Delegates – W.W. Johnson, W.R. Moser, and J.D. Rutledge

Pastor – R.M. Loftis

Clerk – D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. – William L. Smith

Membership 263

#### **Association, August 1905**

Delegates – W.R. Moser, W.L. Smith and D.V. Carroll

Pastor – R.M. Loftis

Clerk – D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. – J. Walter Tuttle

Membership 261      S.S. enrollment 84

#### **NOVEMBER 18, 1905**

The following resolutions were adopted: that ten brethren assume the payment of the Pastor's salary for one year, paying ten dollars each, the said brethren to be furnished with a list of members whose duty it shall be to assist in the discharge of these obligations. The following brethren volunteered to be responsible for ten dollars each: P. Oliver, J.E. Smith, W.J. Johnson, W.C. Slate, L.K. Pulliam, T.B. Smith, J. Walter Tuttle, W.L. Smith, W.R. Moser and D.V. Carroll.

Resolved that the Clerk shall hereafter call the roll of sisters and any sister absenting herself from church for twelve months in succession without good cause shall be looked after.

#### **JANUARY 20, 1906**

The matter of a burying ground near the Church was brought before the conference by Bro. P. Oliver. Upon motion a committee of three was appointed: namely, P. Oliver, James F. Slate and J. Walter Tuttle to secure funds with which to purchase a lot and have deed executed to Church Trustees.

*Albert Boyles' deed to Mount Olive stipulated that no grave should be dug on said lot and no dead buried on the same. When Albert Boyles died in 1904, his widow Martha Ann Boyles had him buried on her land on the southeastern edge of what eventually became Mount Olive Cemetery; although, at the time there was a body of woods between this grave and the Church. At Albert Boyles's sale, J.J. Denny bought the land subject to the widow's dowry. Martha Ann Boyles agreed to sell J.J. Denny a small plot to move some of his children which had previously died, to this private cemetery, which in no way was a part of Mount Olive Church. A small plot was also sold to the Bennett family. Then on Feb. 2, 1906, Martha Ann Boyles and J.J. Denny sold to H.C. Gibson, J.E. Smith and D.V. Carroll, Trustees of Mount Olive Church one and one-twentieth acres to be used as a cemetery.*

#### **APRIL 14, 1906**

Since our last meeting, to wit on the 8th of this month our beloved Pastor Bro. R.M. Loftis passed from labor to reward; hence, we are without a Pastor. By motion Bro. P. Oliver is asked to serve the Church

as Pastor until a permanent Pastor can be secured, the same is accepted. The Moderator appointed W.R. Moser, W.L. Smith, and D.V. Carroll to take steps toward securing a Pastor.

#### **MAY 19, 1906**

By motion a committee was appointed consisting of R.A. Bennett, R.H. Pulliam, John Tillotson, W.L. Smith and J. Walter Tuttle to look after the graveyard property.

#### **JULY 14, 1906**

The committee to secure a Pastor made their report and upon motion the conference proceeded to elect a Pastor for the coming year. Bro. J.T. Smith was in the majority and his election was made unanimously.

#### **Association, August 1906**

Delegates — W.L. Smith, J. Walter Tuttle and Emmett Gibson

Pastor — Pinkney Oliver

Clerk — D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. — J. Walter Tuttle

Membership 265      S.S. enrollment 104

#### **SEPTEMBER 15, 1906**

Bro. J.T. Smith accepted the call to Mount Olive.

#### **JUNE 15, 1907**

A subscription was started to secure funds to build a pool and house at same, the following were appointed to solicit funds: Wiley Johnson, Bony Smith, Bluford Tuttle, Lennie Pulliam, and Joe Meadows.

#### **Association, August 1907**

Delegates — Dr. J. W. Slate and J. Walter Tuttle

Pastor — J. T. Smith

Clerk — D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. — J. Walter Tuttle

59 added by baptism, total membership 311, S.S. enrollment 84

#### **Association, August 1908**

Delegates — W.L. Smith, W.R. Moser and D.V. Carroll

Pastor — J.T. Smith

Clerk — D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. — L.J. Kiser

Membership 327      S.S. enrollment 86

*November 13, 1907, John W. Tillotson, party of the first part to the Trustees of Mount Olive Baptist Church, parties of the second part, because of the love that he has for the cause of Christ does give a plot of land containing one quarter acre for the purpose of building a pool and other necessary buildings for the use of the Church and also an eight foot right-of-way from the church property to the pool.*

#### **FEBRUARY 20, 1909**

Bro. J. Thomas Smith tendered his resignation to be final and he recommended Rev. A.L. Betts to succeed him.



*Rev. J.T. Smith had tried to resign several times, but every time the Church voted unanimously for him to continue as Pastor.*

*Rev. J.T. Smith was evidently the busiest, most respected and most sought-after man that ever lived in Stokes County. He was a Medical Doctor with a large practice and hundreds of patients who adored him. That was a full-time job. He was the Pastor of a number of Churches in this area, which was another full-time job. He was an excellent and popular speaker who was constantly besieged with requests to hold revivals, speak at homecomings, reunions, school exercises and commencements. He could not accept a fraction of the invitations that he received. He resigned several times while he was Pastor at Mount Olive, but every time the people pleaded with him until he agreed to stay a while longer. He was invited back a number of times to hold revivals, but had to turn nearly all of them down. Very few people have ever worked as hard and faithfully to serve the Lord and the people as Dr. Tom Smith did.*

### **MAY 15, 1909**

The Pulpit Committee made their report, presenting the names of Elders A.L. Betts, Henry Sheets, J.A. Joyce, and O.A. Keller. Whereupon a ballot was taken by the Church. Bro. Henry Sheets received a majority. The Church extends a unanimous call to Bro. Sheets to be Pastor for the coming year.

### **Association, August 1909**

Delegates — W.L. Smith, J.S. Barr and Walter Boyles

Pastor — Henry Sheets

Clerk — D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. — J.H. Covington

Membership 355      S.S. enrollment 150

### **OCTOBER 23, 1909**

By motion a letter of dismissal was granted to the following named brothers and sisters to unite with another Church of same faith and order: W.J. Johnson, Nannie Johnson, Wiley Johnson, Agnes Johnson, Janie Johnson, Adelia Tuttle, J.P. Tuttle, M.J. Ferguson, Mary E. Allen, Ellen Webster, J.H. Covington, Laura A. Covington, J.M. Covington, R.M. Covington, Mary Covington, Lillie Covington, Bessie Boyles, Della Hall, Pearlie Hall, Leatha Hall, W.W. Boyles, J.W. Slate, Martha A. Slate, Grover Tuttle, Nannie Boyles, Mary McGee, Laurana J. Slate, Ruth B. Bennett, W. Allen Bennett, Nannie Bennett, Bessie Bennett, Wilmeta Bennett, Hattie L. Bennett, Joseph Hall, Frankie Hall, Nannie Nance, Riley R. Boyles, Lula Boyles, Walter Boyles, Settle Boyles, Mollie Boyles, Lucinda A. Southern, Luther Southern, W.C. Slate, Lelia Slate, J.P. Ferguson, P.R. Boyles, and Ada Boyles, a total of 48. All the above named members left Mount Olive to organize Quaker Gap Baptist Church. All of them became charter members of Quaker Gap.

### **Association, August 1910**

Delegates — T.B. Smith, J. Walter Tuttle and B.N. Smith

Pastor — Henry Sheets

Clerk — D.V. Carroll

S.S. Supt. — John Baker

Membership 291 (had lost 66 members in one year); S.S. 187

### **JANUARY 14, 1911**

The Clerk called for letters of dismissal for the following members: W.W. Ferguson, Nannie M. Ferguson, Otelia Ferguson, Cora Boles, J.F. Meadows, Mary E. Meadows, Hessie Carroll, Hardy Carroll, D.V. Carroll, Sallie Carroll, M.C. Kiser, Ethel Slate, James W. Slate, Ella Slate, L.J. Kiser, Martha E. Kiser, G.W. Meadows, Adelia Meadows, Henry Tilley and Elizabeth Tilley to unite with a Church to be organized at Mountain View in the future, of the same faith and order. There was a motion to adjourn, which met a second; whereupon the Moderator arose and stated that the matter before the conference deserved consideration and should not be passed over lightly. The motion to adjourn was withdrawn. Some of the brethren then made talks opposing the organization of a church at Mountain View.

### **JANUARY 15, 1911**

The consideration of the letters applied for yesterday came up and after remarks by some of the brethren, by motion the letters were granted with the names of E.C. Barr, R.W. Barr and C.R. Ferguson added.

*January 8, 1900, L.J. Kiser sold a plot of land at Mizpah to the Mountain View Methodist Episcopal Church. They erected a Church building on the property. On Nov. 5, 1910, J.M. Tuttle, A.L. Payne and J.A. Kreeger Trustees for Rural Hall District for the M.E. Church, sold this land and building to L.J. Kiser, W.G. Meadows and W.W. Ferguson. The Mountain View Baptist Church was accepted as a Baptist Church in 1911.*

### **JUNE 17, 1911**

Brethren T.B. Smith and B.N. Smith were elected Deacons to fill vacancies.

### **Association, August 1911**

Delegates — J.W. Tuttle, J.H. Cromer and T.B. Smith

Pastor — Henry Sheets

Clerk — J. Walter Tuttle

S.S. Supt. — L.R. Pulliam

Membership 239

*In 1909, 1910 and 1911 Mount Olive lost 106 members. Most of them became charter members at Quaker Gap or Mountain View.*

### **APRIL 20, 1912**

Brother Sheets offered his resignation as Pastor to take effect at May meeting. A pulpit committee was appointed consisting of J. Walter Tuttle, J.W. Tillotson, and B.N. Smith, with a view of trying to locate a Pastor and help open up a field for a Pastor to live in our midst.

## **JUNE 15, 1912**

Pulpit committee made report and recommended that Bro. E.W. Turner be called as Pastor. He was called by unanimous vote.

## **JULY 20, 1912**

Received letter from Bro. E.W. Turner that he could not accept the call to preach at Mount Olive. Rev. J.T. Smith was urged to return temporarily and he finally agreed to serve as Pastor until a new one could be located.

## **Association, 1912**

Delegates — G.W. Smith, Sam Smith and J. Walter Tuttle

Pastor — C.B. Austin (*Austin never served as Pastor at Mount Olive, but filled in as supply Pastor a few times. Just happened to be there when the letter to the Association was completed.*)

Clerk — J. Walter Tuttle

S.S. Supt. — J.S. Boyles      enrollment 83

## **Association, King Baptist Church, August 1913**

Delegates — L.R. Pulliam, T.B. Smith and J.W. Tillotson

Pastor — J.T. Smith

Clerk — J. Walter Tuttle

No Sunday School report

## **APRIL 18, 1914**

Bro. T.C. Keaton of Salem Baptist Church was requested to come and locate in our midst and assume the position of Pastor of Mount Olive and three other Baptist Churches in the area. After much consideration, Bro. Keaton did not accept.

## **Association, August 1914**

Delegates — J.T. Johnson, Miss Daisy Boyles and Miss Oliver

Pastor — None

Clerk — J.W. Tuttle

S.S. Supt. — L.R. Pulliam

Membership 206      S.S. enrollment 163

## **OCTOBER 18, 1914**

Brother W.T. Baucom being with us on the invitation of the four churches with a view of accepting a call from this field. The churches met in conference and decided to call Bro. Baucom to the field.

J. Walter Tuttle, who had been the Church Clerk for some time, had moved away and Bro. L.R. Pulliam was elected Clerk.

*Rev. Pinkney Oliver was born in Guilford County in June 19, 1838 and died October 29, 1914 at his home near Mount Olive Church. He had been a Minister for 55 years. He had served as Pastor at Eln Grove in Guilford County, where he had been baptized; Goodwill, Clemmons ville, Union Grove, Becks and Macedonia in Forsyth, Hollaway and Reeds in Davidson, Enon and East Bend in Yadkin, Sulpher Springs and Eastfield in Surry, Friendship, Mount Olive, Mount Tabor, Bethel, Oak Ridge, Peters Creek, Brims Grove, Olive Grove and King in Stokes County.*

*From 1870 to 1900, he was very active at Mount Olive, even while serving as Pastor at other churches. He was Pastor for a time, filled in often as supply and substitute Pastor and assisted in many revivals. Bro. Oliver was an excellent spiritual leader and a business man of unusual ability. Mount Olive Church has grown in numbers and influence and in other ways by his wise counsel. He helped organize many of the Churches where he served as Pastor and guided them through their first and most difficult years. Almost every year of his career, he served in some capacity as Moderator or Chairman of some very important committee in the Beulah Association and later the Pilot Mountain Association.*

*The Baptist Church owes much to this great man of God who worked faithfully for over half a century to establish the Baptist Faith in this five County area.*

## **FEBRUARY 20, 1916**

On motion the Pastor appointed a committee of three; namely, J.T. Johnson, Asie Smith and L.R. Pulliam, to meet with committees from the three other Churches to decide on a place for a parsonage to be built in this field.

## **Association, August 1915**

Delegates — None; letter sent

Pastor — W.T. Baucom

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. — J.H. Gibson

## **FEBRUARY 20, 1916**

Pastor W.T. Baucom offered his resignation to take effect in April. No action taken.

## **MARCH 26, 1916**

The Church elected J.W. Burchett by unanimous vote for Pastor. Services will be on the 4th Sat. and Sun. until arrangements can be made to get it back to the 3rd.

## **JULY 22, 1916**

On account of a recent flood the Pastor was not present.

*(This particular flood was the most devastating that has ever occurred on the Yadkin River. Rev. J.W. Burchett lived in Yadkin County and had to cross the bridge at Donnaula which was completely destroyed.)*

## **Association, August 1916**

Delegate — Thomas B. Smith

Pastor — J.W. Burchett

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. — J.C. Tedder

Church membership 201      S.S. enrollment 144

*The Mount Olive Schoolhouse was built on the lot adjoining the Church about 1910. During the Revival in October the entire student body lined up and marched single file to the Church for the Eleven O'clock Service.*

*This practice kept up until the Church discontinued the Morning Service in the early 1920's. For this service the Minister generally delivered a message that children could understand as most of the congregation was from the school. No matter how the parents, students or teachers felt about this custom, every day during the Revival every student marched to the Church. On the return trip, it had to be orderly single file line until the school ground was reached. Then the line erupted and exploded as they let go with energy which had been suppressed for an hour.*

#### **JUNE 16, 1917**

A severe storm had blown several sheets of roofing off the Church building. Bros. J.E. Smith, L.R. Pulliam, and Thomas E. Tillotson were appointed a committee to repair it.

#### **JULY 14, 1917**

The committee to repair the church roof reported an expense of \$150.00, which was paid by Thomas E. Smith by having use of the church grounds to sell refreshments on the Saturday of Sunday School Convention.

*The Saturday of the Sunday School Convention was a red letter day to all youngsters. Everyone was loaded with from \$.10 to \$1.00. Ice cream, soft drinks and lots of other special treats were only \$.05. Convention Day was next to Christmas as a day to look forward to.*

#### **Association, August 1917**

Delegates — Mrs. L.J. Oliver, J.W. Moser and B.N. Smith

Pastor — J.W. Burchett

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. — J.H. Gibson

Church membership 219

#### **AUGUST 18, 1917**

On account of the death of the Pastor, Rev. J.W. Burchett, a very small crowd was present. Brother E.L. Smoak preached. No business conference.

#### **SEPTEMBER 8, 1917**

Brother E.W. Turner was asked to fill the pulpit until a regular Pastor could be secured.

#### **OCTOBER 14, 1917**

Preaching services at 3:00 P.M. Rev. L.W. Burris preached and was unanimously elected for the following year.

*(During the latter part of World War I, all church services were held in the afternoon as a fuel saving measure. Sunday School began at 2:00 P.M. and Preaching Service at 3:00. This custom was followed through 1918.)*

#### **NOVEMBER 17, 1917**

There seemed to be some misunderstanding as to who the Church Trust-



ees are. The Clerk found they are J.E. Smith, J.W. Tillotson, and B.N. Smith.

### **JUNE 15, 1918**

A committee of four were appointed to buy an organ for the Church: namely, Misses Daisy Boyles, Arrie Tillotson, Ressie Fowler and Mrs. D.C. Cromer.

### **Association, August 1918**

Delegates — J.E. Smith and J.W. Moser

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. — L.G. Bowman

### **OCTOBER 19, 1918**

The Pastor was present but did not hold service. Very few people present because of Influenza Epidemic in the community.

### **NOVEMBER 16, 1918**

The committee to buy an organ made their report. They recommended buying a certain organ for \$108.00.

### **Association, August 1919**

Delegates — Records do not show name of delegates any more.

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. -- W.E. Kiser

### **NOVEMBER 15, 1918**

Bro. B.N. Smith offered his resignation as Treasurer and Bro. W.E. Kiser was appointed to that position.

### **AUGUST 14, 1918**

A committee to examine the roof and make repairs and also to make other needed repairs was appointed as follows: Bros. J.H. Covington, J.T. Johnson, J.W. Tillotson, W.R. Hartgrove and L.R. Pulliam.

### **Association, August 1920**

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. — W.E. Kiser

S.S. enrollment 122

### **MARCH 19, 1921**

The following Deacons were nominated and elected: Bros. W.E. Kiser, J.H. Covington and G.A. Jones. Also the following Trustees were elected: J.W. Tillotson, R.S. Cromer and L.R. Pulliam.

### **Association, August 1921 at Quaker Gap**

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. — W.E. Kiser

S.S. enrollment — 138

## **APRIL 15, 1922**

The committee to check on the roof reported a new roof was needed and that Mr. Pete Smith had agreed to take off the old roof and put on the new one for the old roof which was in good condition for smaller buildings. Other repairs which were to be made at this time: building cement steps at the two front doors, replacing old wooden ones and building a solid foundation for the Church building to replace the pillars.

## **Association, August 1922**

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

S.S. Supt. — W.E. Kiser

Church membership 181      S.S. enrollment 160

## **Association, August 1923**

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — W.E. Kiser

S.S. Supt. — W.E. Kiser

Membership 197      S.S. enrollment 171

## **Association, August 1924**

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — W.E. Kiser

Membership 209      S.S. enrollment 157

## **Association, August 1925**

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — W.E. Kiser

S.S. Supt. — W.E. Kiser

Membership 237      S.S. enrollment 158

## **SEPTEMBER 19, 1925**

L.W. Burris unanimously elected Pastor for another year.

## **DECEMBER 19, 1925**

New Deacons elected as follows: J.W. Tillotson, C.O. Hall, S.L. Johnson, and E.L. Cromer.

## **JANUARY 16, 1926**

J.W. Moser appointed Deacon in place of S.L. Johnson.

## **AUGUST 14, 1926**

Rev. L.W. Burris offered his resignation to take place in September.

## **Association, 1926**

Pastor — L.W. Burris

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — G.A. Jones      Membership 236      S.S. enrollment 150

## **SEPTEMBER 1, 1926**

The Church called Rev. O.E. Ward as Pastor. Mount Olive had always closed Sunday School for the Winter months and reopened every Easter Sunday. Rev. O.E. Ward insisted on a twelve month Sunday School.

## **DECEMBER 17, 1926**

A committee was appointed to consider selling some of the Old Mount Olive Church property.

## **JANUARY 15, 1927**

The Church voted to sell a certain piece of property to W.S. Denny for \$35.00. The money was spent for improvements on the Old Cemetery. *The land that was sold to W.S. Denny was across the road from the Cemetery at Old Mount Olive. It was covered in woods. This property had been used as a hitching ground during the entire life of the Church there.*

## **MARCH 19, 1927**

The Church voted to purchase a Colt Carbide Light System.

### **Association, 1927**

Pastor - O.E. Ward

Clerk - L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer - G.S. Hall

Sunday School Supt. - J.W. Moser

Membership 268      S.S. enrollment 103

### **Association, 1928**

Pastor - O.E. Ward

Clerk - L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer - G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. - J.W. Moser

Membership 259      S.S. enrollment 103

## **DECEMBER 15, 1928**

Rev. O.E. Ward resigned but was persuaded to stay another year.

## **FEBRUARY 17, 1929**

The Church voted to buy the old Mount Olive school house lot from the County.

### **Association, 1929**

Pastor - O.E. Ward

Clerk - L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer - G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. - J.W. Moser

Membership 257      S.S. enrollment 120

### **Association, 1930**

Pastor - O.E. Ward

Clerk - L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer - G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. - J.W. Moser      Membership 258

## **OCTOBER 12, 1930**

Brothers L.R. Pulliam, G.W. Smith and J.W. Moser were appointed a Historical Committee to get up a History of Mount Olive Church.

## **JUNE 30, 1931**

Rev. O.E. Ward resigned as Pastor.

## **AUGUST 15, 1931**

Rev. Frank Swanson voted in as Pastor.

## **Association, 1931**

Pastor — None

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — J.W. Moser

Membership 263      S.S. enrollment 140

## **Association, 1932**

Pastor — W. Frank Swanson

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — J.W. Moser

Membership 289      S.S. enrollment 137

## **Association, 1933**

Pastor — W. Frank Swanson

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — J.W. Moser

Membership 281      S.S. enrollment 118

## **NOVEMBER 18, 1933**

J.H. Watts, L.F. Baker and L.O. Spainhour elected Church Trustees.

## **JANUARY 20, 1934**

Rev. J.F. Manuel called as a supply Pastor until a regular Pastor could be obtained.

## **Association, 1934**

Pastor — W. Frank Swanson

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — J.W. Moser

Membership 295      S.S. enrollment 134

## **SEPTEMBER 30, 1934**

Rev. Frank Swanson, who had been ill for some time, returned to the Church as Pastor.

## **APRIL 20, 1935**

Rev. Frank Swanson resigned and the Church voted unanimously to call Rev. E.T. Sims.

### **Association, 1935**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — J.W. Moser

Membership 295      S.S. enrollment 134

### **Association, 1936**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — A.S. Barnes

Membership 310      S.S. enrollment 190

### **APRIL 18, 1937**

The Pastor appointed the following as a committee to build Sunday School rooms: J.H. Watts, G.S. Hall, G.A. Jones, L.R. Pulliam, N.G. Covington, Agnes Cromer and Elsie Tuttle.

### **Association, 1937**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — A.S. Barnes

Membership 316      S.S. enrollment 119

### **JANUARY 19, 1938**

Plans for the Sunday School rooms were presented and discussed. They were accepted.

### **MAY 14, 1938**

The Church voted for the Building Trustees to have the Church wired for electric service.

### **Association, 1938**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — A.S. Barnes

Membership 322      S.S. enrollment 164

### **JULY 15, 1939**

The following Deacons were elected: D.T. Rutledge, Herman H. Smith, N.G. Covington and A.S. Barnes.

### **Association, 1939**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — L.R. Pulliam

Membership 325      S.S. enrollment 167



## **AUGUST 19, 1939**

Two of the newly elected Deacons were unable to serve. Robah Boyles and Ray Watts were appointed in the place of N.G. Covington and A.S. Barnes. Other Deacons, G.A. Jones, E.L. Cromer, and John W. Moser.

## **Association, 1940**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — L.R. Pulliam

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — L.R. Pulliam

Membership 338      S.S. enrollment 174

## **FEBRUARY 16, 1941**

L.R. Pulliam resigned as Church Clerk and J.W. Moser was elected to that position.

## **Association, 1941**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — N.G. Covington

Membership 345      S.S. enrollment 152

*L.R. Pulliam moved to Kernersville after a very active membership at Mount Olive: 35 years as Church Clerk, several years as Sunday School teacher, Superintendent of Sunday School, served on various committees, and every Sunday of his adult life as a member of the Choir.*

## **NOVEMBER 16, 1941**

The Church voted to cover the Church and to build a front porch to the building. N.G. Covington, Luther Baker and Ray Watts were appointed a building committee.

## **APRIL 19, 1942**

The Church voted to send Testaments to all the young men from Mount Olive Church and community who were in the armed services.

## **Association, 1942**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk -- J.W. Moser

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — George Badgett

Membership 347      S.S. enrollment 158

## **Association, 1943**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — George Badgett

Membership 348      S.S. enrollment 158

## **AUGUST 15, 1943**

Due to gas rationing, all evening services were called off for the time being.

### **Association, 1944**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — George Badgett

Membership 351      S.S. enrollment 172

## **OCTOBER 8, 1944**

The messengers to the Pilot Mountain Association were requested to invite the Association to meet with Mount Olive in 1945.

### **Association with Mount Olive, 1945**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — George Badgett

Membership 348      S.S. enrollment 147

## **OCTOBER 23, 1945**

The Pilot Mountain Association met with Mount Olive. The following were messengers: Luther Baker, G.A. Jones, D.T. Rutledge, J.H. Watts and J.W. Moser.

### **Association, 1946**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — G.S. Hall

S.S. Supt. — George Badgett

Membership 367      S.S. enrollment 153

### **Association, 1947**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — J.W. Moser

S.S. Supt. — George Badgett

Membership 376      S.S. enrollment 153

## **JULY 18, 1948**

The following men were elected Deacons: Rome Hall, George Badgett, Joe Covington and Thurman Baker. A committee was appointed to look after old Mount Olive Cemetary as follows: J.H. Watts, Moyer Watts, Aubrey Boyles, Ollie Ray Smith and Glenn Tuttle.

### **Association, 1948**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — J.W. Moser

S.S. Supt. — Robert Carroll

Membership 397      S.S. enrollment 182

### **MARCH 20, 1949**

The Church voted to build a balcony in the Church, for additional Sunday School rooms. This plan was never carried out.

#### **Association, 1949**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — J.W. Moser

S.S. Supt. — Cleo Hall

Membership 403      S.S. enrollment 258

### **AUGUST 21, 1949**

The Church voted to thank Bro. William Fowler for his generosity in having a well dug on the Church grounds.

#### **Association, 1950**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — J. W. Moser

S.S. Supt. — Cleo Hall

Membership 413      S.S. enrollment 267

#### **Association, 1951**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — J.W. Moser

S.S. Supt. — Cleo Hall

Membership 420      S.S. enrollment 243

### **NOVEMBER 4, 1951**

The Church voted to remodel the inside of the Building.

### **JANUARY 20, 1952**

The Church voted to do away with the two front doors and replace them with double doors in the center; then to have just one aisle instead of two in preparation for the new pews which the Church was buying.

#### **Association, 1952**

Pastor — E.T. Sims

Clerk — J.W. Moser

Treasurer — J.W. Moser

S.S. Supt. — Robert Carroll

Membership 430      S.S. enrollment 267

### **DECEMBER 21, 1952**

Rev. E.T. Sims resigned as Pastor.

### **JANUARY 11, 1953**

Rev. J. Alford Stanford was called as Pastor. The Church voted to combine the Church and Sunday School treasury.

#### **Association, 1953**

Pastor — J. Alford Stanford

Clerk - J.W. Moser  
Treasurer - J.W. Moser  
S.S. Supt. - Rupert Hall  
Membership 432      S.S. enrollment 267

#### **JULY 4, 1954**

A.S. Barnes, Rupert Hall and Moyer Watts were elected Deacons.

#### **Association, 1954**

Pastor - J. Alford Stanford  
Clerk - J.W. Moser  
Treasurer - J.W. Moser  
S.S. Supt. - Rupert Hall  
Membership 452      S.S. enrollment 253

#### **OCTOBER 17, 1954**

Hughes Hall and Leo Gatewood elected Deacons.

#### **Association, 1955**

Pastor - J. Alford Stanford  
Clerk - J.W. Moser  
Treasurer - Rupert Hall  
S.S. Supt. - Rupert Hall  
Membership 443      S.S. enrollment 259

#### **MAY 20, 1956**

Rev. Alford Stanford resigned as Pastor.

#### **OCTOBER 7, 1956**

Rev. Frank Chance called as Pastor.

#### **Association, 1956**

Pastor - Frank Chance  
Clerk - Robert Carroll  
Treasurer - Eugene Moser  
S.S. Supt. - Rupert Hall  
Membership 451      S.S. enrollment 291

#### **NOVEMBER 11, 1956**

The Church voted to have the active Deacons consist of nine men, three new ones to be elected every year on a rotating system for three years.

#### **JANUARY 6, 1957**

The Church voted to change to a full-time Pastor with services every Sunday.

#### **FEBRUARY 10, 1957**

Deacons elected on a three year rotating system: 3 years - Rupert Hall, A.S. Barnes, and Rome Hall; 2 years - Joe Covington, Leo Gatewood and Hughes Hall; 1 year - Herman Smith, J.W. Moser and Lee Cromer.

#### **MARCH 10, 1957**

The Church voted to adopt the Six Point Record system, and to provide envelopes for those who desired them.

#### **APRIL 7, 1957**

It was announced by the building committee that the contract for the new educational building had been let to Wilson Bros. of Rural Hall for \$26,500.00.

#### **MAY 5, 1957**

The Church Trustees, J.H. Watts, L.F. Baker and L.O. Spainhouse resigned because of age. New ones appointed were: Rome Hall, Leo Gatewood, and Joe Covington.

#### **MAY 24, 1957**

A small crowd gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony. Mrs. Mollie Jones, the only surviving member who had joined at Old Mount Olive turned the first shovel of dirt.

#### **JULY 14, 1957**

The Church voted to keep the present plan of separation between the Church and Cemetery.

#### **Association, 1957**

Pastor — Frank Chance

Clerk — Robert Carroll

Treasurer — Eugene Moser

S.S. Supt. — Ralph Patterson

Membership 458      S.S. enrollment 326

#### **NOVEMBER 24, 1957**

Service of Dedication for new Educational Building.

#### **Association, 1958**

Pastor — Frank Chance

Clerk — C. Howard Rutledge

Treasurer — None

S.S. Supt. — Rupert Hall

Membership 438      S.S. enrollment 267

#### **DECEMBER 7, 1958**

New Deacons elected for a three year term as follows: Herman Smith, Fount Campbell and Kenneth Duggins.

It was recommended that Robert Boyles, D.T. Rutledge, Lee Cromer and J.W. Moser be made Deacon Emeritus.

#### **FEBRUARY 1, 1959**

A committee of three, Rome Hall, Ralph Patterson and Fount Campbell, be authorized to spend up to \$100.00 at their discretion to aid any needy family in the community.

#### **SEPTEMBER 20, 1959**

Frank Hall and Homer Carroll ordained as Deacons.

#### **OCTOBER 4, 1959**

Proposed Budget \$7,160.34.

#### **Association, 1959**

Pastor — Frank Chance



Clerk — Howard Rutledge  
Treasurer — Homer Carroll  
S.S. Supt. — Rome Hall  
Membership 435      S.S. enrollment 266

### **OCTOBER 2, 1960**

Proposed budget \$7,209.29.

### **Association, 1960**

Pastor — Frank Chance  
Clerk — Howard Rutledge  
Treasurer — Homer Carroll  
S.S. Supt. — Rome Hall  
Membership 417      S.S. enrollment 258

### **Association, 1961**

Pastor — Frank Chance  
Clerk — Howard Rutledge  
Treasurer — Homer Carroll  
S.S. Supt. — Rome Hall  
Membership 419      S.S. enrollment 283

### **NOVEMBER 12, 1961**

The Cemetary Committee requested permission to pave a driveway around the cemetary.

### **FEBRUARY 4, 1962**

A committee was appointed as follows: Ona Ruth Garner, Edith Carroll, Bertha Moser, Beulah Lee Boles, Homer Carroll, Joe Boyles, and Herman Smith to make plans for the noon meal for the Associational meeting to be held at Mount Olive in 1962.

### **JULY 8, 1962**

Rev. Frank Chance resigned as Pastor.

### **AUGUST 26, 1962**

Leo Gatewood, Marvin Patterson, Judson Covington, Howard Rutledge, and Thurman Baker appointed Pulpit Committee.

*In Sept. 1962, J.W. Moser resigned as Sunday School teacher because of ill health. There have been very few men in any Church as active, faithful and devoted as Brother Moser. He attended Sunday School and Church services for 33 years and only missed one Sunday. During this entire time he was teacher of the Men's Adult Class. He never had a substitute teacher. The only times he did not teach his class in 33 years was the one Sunday he missed and on three homecoming days when Brother R.O. Bennett was invited to speak to the entire Sunday School. During this entire 33 years he was a Deacon and a member of the Choir. He also was Sunday School Superintendent for 8 years, Church Clerk for 13 years and Treasurer for 7 years.*

### **Association, 1962 at Mount Olive**

Pastor — None  
Clerk — Howard Rutledge

Treasurer — Robert Carroll  
S.S. Supt. — Leo Gatewood  
Membership 415      S.S. enrollment 254

### **DECEMBER 16, 1962**

The Church called Rev. Alfred E. Philley as Pastor for an indefinite period.

### **JUNE 5, 1963**

Motion was made and carried to put stained glass windows in the Sanctuary at a cost of \$500.00.

### **Association, 1963**

Pastor — Alfred Philley  
Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner  
Treasurer — Robert Carroll  
S.S. Supt. — Leo Gatewood  
Membership 420      S.S. enrollment 335

### **APRIL 19, 1964**

The Church voted to purchase the house belonging to J.W. Denny as the Church parsonage.

### **Association, 1964**

Pastor — Alfred Philley  
Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner  
Treasurer — Robert Carroll  
S.S. Supt. — Leo Gatewood  
Membership 443      S.S. enrollment 338

### **NOVEMBER 4, 1964**

Proposed budget \$11,005.00.

### **MAY 16, 1965**

Rev. Alfred E. Philley resigned as Pastor.

### **MAY 30, 1965**

Pulpit Committee appointed as follows: Marvin Patterson, Judson Covington and Rome Hall.

### **JULY 4, 1965**

Rev. Alfred E. Philley, in a letter to the Church, stated that changes had been made in the field where he went and he felt that his services were no longer needed there. The Church voted to call him back to Mount Olive as Pastor.

### **SEPTEMBER 8, 1965**

The Church voted to remodel basement of Educational building into class rooms and to erect a fire escape to the building.

### **Association, 1965**

Pastor — Alfred Philley  
Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner  
Treasurer — Neil Boyles

S.S. Supt.    Leo Gatewood  
Membership 429      S.S. enrollment 335

### **NOVEMBER 10, 1965**

Proposed budget \$11,374.50.

### **AUGUST 15, 1965**

Rev. Alfred E. Philley resigned to do mission work in Alabama.

### **Association, 1966**

Pastor – Alfred Philley  
Clerk – Mrs. Frank Garner  
Treasurer – Joe Covington  
S.S. Supt. – Frank Hall  
Membership 424      S.S. enrollment 349

### **SEPTEMBER 26, 1966**

The Church called Dr. Walter Sanders, Pastor pro tem.

### **JULY 23, 1967**

The Church voted to call Rev. Tom Lawrence as Pastor.

### **Association, 1967**

Pastor -- Tom Lawrence  
Clerk – Mrs. Frank Garner  
Treasurer – Joe Covington  
S.S. Supt. – Frank Hall  
Membership 424      S.S. enrollment 349

### **SEPTEMBER 8, 1968**

Hughes Hall, Joe Covington and Joe Boyles elected Deacons.

### **Association, 1968**

Pastor – Tom Lawrence  
Clerk – Mrs. Frank Garner  
Treasurer – Joe Covington  
S.S. Supt. – Frank Hall  
Membership 425      S.S. enrollment 260

### **OCTOBER 26, 1968**

Rev. Tom Lawrence resigned as Pastor due to illness.

### **NOVEMBER 10, 1968**

The Church appointed the following as members of a Pulpit Committee: Henry Johnson, Don Boyles, John Moser, Joe Covington, Frank Hall and Fred Smith.

### **NOVEMBER 17, 1968**

The Church called Rev. Lyman Ferrell as Interim Pastor.

### **MAY 25, 1969**

The Pulpit Committee recommended Rev. Henry Lawrence Carroll as Pastor. The Church voted to call him.

### **Association, 1969**

Pastor — H.L. Carroll

Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner

Treasurer — Joe Covington

S.S. Supt. — Frank Hall

Membership 411

### **SEPTEMBER 13, 1970**

The Church elected Manley Johnson, Ralph Patterson, and Herman Smith Deacons.

### **SEPTEMBER 27, 1970**

A note burning ceremony was held. The parsonage was paid for in full.

### **Association, 1970**

Pastor — H.L. Carroll

Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner

Treasurer — Joe Covington

S.S. Supt. — Rupert Hall

Membership 430

### **JANUARY 21, 1971**

A building committee consisting of Robert Carroll, Joe Boyles, Fred Smith, Don Boyles and Rome Hall, who had been appointed at a previous meeting, made specific recommendations to remodel and enlarge the church building. A vote was taken on these plans: 65 voted for and 7 against.

### **SEPTEMBER 18, 1971**

The following were elected Deacons: Ralph Moser, Frank Hall and Kenneth Duggins.

### **Association, 1971**

Pastor — H.L. Carroll

Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner

Treasurer — Joe Covington

S.S. Supt. — Kenneth Duggins

Membership 345

### **AUGUST 6, 1972**

The following Deacons were elected: Joe Covington, Hughes Hall and Franklin Gordon.

A new Building Committee was appointed as follows: Frank Fowler, Chm. Robert Carroll, Joe Covington, Ralph Moser, and Don Boyles.

*The plans for enlarging and remodeling the old church building were deemed impractical by several contractors. So those plans were abandoned and a new church building was considered.*

### **SEPTEMBER 24, 1972**

Dr. Frank Fowler presented plans for a new proposed church building, followed by a question and answer period as to size, number Sunday School rooms, financing, etc. To be voted on Oct. 1.

## **OCTOBER 1, 1972**

Vote for new building was almost, but not quite, unanimous for new Church. 2 voted against it.

### **Association, 1972**

Pastor — H.L. Carroll

Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner

Treasurer — Joe Covington

S.S. Supt. — Franklin Gordon

Membership 472      S.S. enrollment 295

## **DECEMBER 3, 1972**

The Building Committee reported that Alvis Hole Construction Co. was low bidder on Church at \$154,000.00. He was given the contract.

*The old Church building was demolished and a new one built on the site. During the construction of the new building, the Church services were changed. At 10:00 the adults used all the Sunday School rooms and the younger ones met in the basement for preaching service. At 11:00, the young people used the Sunday School rooms and the adults attended preaching service in the basement. This was kept up for nearly two years, our Pastor preaching two sermons every Sunday morning.*

## **SEPTEMBER 2, 1973**

The following were elected to the Board of Deacons: Rupert Hall, Leo Gatewood, and John Smith.

### **Association, 1973**

Pastor — H.L. Carroll

Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner

Treasurer — Joe Covington

S.S. Supt. — Franklin Gordon

S.S. enrollment 287

## **APRIL 14, 1974**

New Church Building dedicated with large crowd in attendance.

## **SEPTEMBER 15, 1974**

Elected Ralph Patterson, Herman Smith and Manley Johnson as Deacons.

### **Association, 1974**

Pastor — H.L. Carroll

Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner

Treasurer — Joe Covington

S.S. Supt. — Franklin Gordon

Membership 503      S.S. enrollment 308

## **DECEMBER 1, 1974**

Rev. H.L. Carroll resigned as Pastor. A committee to select interim Pastor as follows: Ralph Patterson, Herman Smith, Franklin Gordon, and Mrs. Frank Garner. The Church called Rev. Julian Bradshaw until a regular Pastor could be obtained.



The Church appointed Pulpit Committee as follows: Frank Hall, Joe Covington, Ralph Moser, Melvin Clark and Henry Johnson.

### **MARCH 16, 1975**

Rev. Winburn C. Davis called as Pastor.

### **SEPTEMBER 14, 1975**

Corbet Gordon ordained into the ministry. Former Pastors Alfred E. Philley and H.L. Carroll assisted in the ordination service. The Church called him as associate Pastor.

### **SEPTEMBER 21, 1975**

Frank Hall, Kenneth Duggins and Ralph Moser elected Deacons.

### **Association, 1975**

Pastor — Winburn C. Davis

Clerk — Mrs. Frank Garner

Treasurer — Joe Covington

S.S. Supt. — Arno Key

W.M.U. Director — Mrs. Frank Garner

Music Director — Dale Boyles

Value of Church property \$250,000.00      Membership 513

S.S. enrollment 346      Average attendance 206

### **DECEMBER 28, 1975**

Record budget of \$36,892.00 was adopted.

Active Deacons: Herman Smith, Manley Johnson, Ralph Patterson, Leo Gatewood, Frank Hall, Kenneth Duggins, John Smith, Rupert Hall, Ralph Moser, and Homer Carroll (increased to 10 when membership passed 500).

Inactive Deacons: Joe Covington, Hughes Hall, Franklin Gordon, Rome Hall, Thurman Baker, Fount Campbell and A.S. Barnes.

The Lord has certainly blest the work of His servants at Mt. Olive. This entire area of Stokes County has felt the influence of this Church and its many dedicated members. It's a great community in which to live; the people are honest, hardworking, law abiding citizens and good neighbors. The early members of this Church set an example in Christian living that has made the community a wonderful place in which to live.

Not many areas have ever had a church in its midst that worked as hard to spread the Gospel to all the people living within its sphere of influence as this Church has. Brown Mountain, King, Quaker Gap and Mountain View were all established when a few dedicated members of Mt. Olive decided they needed and must have a place of worship closer to their homes. Mt. Olive provided most of their charter members and assisted them in their infancy. Their efforts have been blest and these Churches, along with their mother Church, have grown greatly in numbers, in influence and in Christian Spirit.

Mt. Olive has had some periods of disagreements among its members. Some of these have been so serious that it seemed a complete split was inevitable, but with sane reasoning, Christian understanding and brotherly love, the

Church has weathered all these storms and emerged stronger. "The wrong did fail, the right prevail." It is not a tragedy in a Church for its members to disagree, but when one member makes all the decisions and everyone is afraid to disagree, that is when a tragedy occurs.

One of the strong points for Mt. Olive today is its heritage. Nearly all the original members have descendants in the Church today, some active members today are sixth generation members of Mt. Olive. This Church is not a fly-by-night organization; it is based on a firm and solid foundation of indispensable Christian Principles and on a direct-in-line inheritance from the great men and women who settled this area around two hundred years ago.

### PASTORS OF MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

D.A. Poindexter	1851	to 1853
J.H. Caudle	1854	to 1869
Pinkney Oliver	1870	to 1876
Robert Gourley	1877	to Dec. 31, 1880
Rufus W. Crews	June 11, 1881	to August 31, 1901
R.M. Loftis	August 31, 1901	to April 8, 1906
J.T. Smith	Sept. 15, 1906	to Feb. 20, 1909
Henry Sheets	May 15, 1909	to April 20, 1912
J.T. Smith	July 20, 1912	to Oct. 18, 1914
W.T. Baucum	Oct. 18, 1914	to Feb. 20, 1916
J.W. Burchett	March 26, 1916	to August 18, 1917
L.W. Burris	October 14, 1917	to August 14, 1926
O.E. Ward	Sept. 1, 1926	to June 20, 1931
Frank W. Swanson	August 15, 1931	to April 20, 1935
J.F. Manuel (Supply)	Jan. 20, 1934	to Sept. 30, 1934
E.T. Sims	April 20, 1935	to Dec. 21, 1952
Alford Stanford	Jan. 11, 1953	to May 20, 1956
Frank Chance	Oct. 8, 1956	to July 8, 1962
Alfred E. Philley	Dec. 16, 1962	to August 14, 1966
Tom Lawrence	July 23, 1967	to Oct. 26, 1968
Henry L. Carroll	May 25, 1969	to Dec. 1, 1974
Winburn C. Davis	March 16, 1975	

# CONSTITUTION

## Preamble

We declare and establish this constitution for the preservation and security of the principles of our faith, and that this body may be governed in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body in its relation to other churches.

## I. NAME

This body shall be known as the MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROUTE 1, located at King, North Carolina.

## II. STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the basis for our statement of faith. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## III. CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of the church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements; and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; *to aid one another in sickness and distress*; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

## IV. CHARACTER

### Section 1. Polity

The government of this church is formed in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it

recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches. Insofar as is practical, this church will cooperate with and support the association and state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

## **Section 2. Doctrine**

This church receives the Scriptures as its authority in matters of faith and practice. Its understanding of Christian truth as contained therein is in essential accord with the belief of other Southern Baptist churches.

# **BYLAWS**

## **V. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. General**

This is a sovereign and democratic Baptist Church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The membership retains unto itself the right of exclusive self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church.

The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the condition of such membership.

### **Section 2. Candidacy**

Any person may offer themselves as a candidate for membership in this church. All such candidates shall be presented to the church at any regular worship service for membership in any of the following ways:

- (1) By profession of faith and for baptism according to the policies of this church.
- (2) By promise of a letter from another Baptist church.
- (3) By restoration upon a statement of prior conversion experience and baptism in a Baptist church when no letter is obtainable.

Should there be any dissent as to any candidate, such dissent shall be referred to the pastor and the deacons for investigation and the making of a recommendation to the church within thirty (30) days. A three-fourths vote of those members present and voting shall be required to elect such candidates to membership.

### **Section 3. Termination of Membership**

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways: (1) death, (2) dismission to another Baptist Church, (3) exclusion by action of this church,\* (4) affiliation with a church of another faith or denomination.

*\*Should a member become an offense to the church and to its good name by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or by persistent breach of his covenant vows, or non-support of the church, the church may terminate his membership by a three-fourths vote, but only after due notice and hearing, and after faithful efforts have been made to bring such member to repentance and amendment.*

## **VI. CHURCH OFFICERS**

All church officers must be members of the church. The officers of this church shall be as follows:

## **Section 1. Pastor**

The pastor is responsible for leading the church in functioning as a New Testament church. The pastor will lead the congregation, the organizations, and the church staff in performing their tasks. A major concern of the pastor is to perform pastoral responsibilities. The pastor is the leader of worship, proclamation, education, and pastoral ministries. A pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. His election shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose, of which at least one week's public notice shall be given.

A pulpit committee shall be appointed by the church to seek out a suitable pastor, and their recommendations will constitute a nomination, though any member has the privilege of making other nominations according to the policy established by the church. The committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one man at a time. Election shall be by ballot, an affirmative vote of three fourths of those present being necessary for a choice. The pastor, thus elected shall serve until the relationship is terminated by his request or the church's request. He shall preside at meetings of the church. No specific time needed for dismissal or resignation of pastor. (Recomm. adopted 6-9-65). The church shall pay pastor's salary as stated in Budget plus social security or annuity and two weeks vacation. Also pay supply for these 2 weeks. Church to pay supply anytime pastor is sent away on business of church (conventions, etc.), (See \* for Supply Pastor) and in event pastor is in the hospital (not to exceed \$20.00).

## **Section 2. Church Staff**

This church shall call or employ such staff members as the church shall need. A job description shall be written when the need for staff members is determined. Vocational Staff members other than the pastor shall be recommended to the church by the personnel committee and employed by an action of the church.

The secretaries and custodians shall likewise be recommended to the church by the personnel committee and employed by church action.

## **Section 3. Deacons**

(1) There may be one active deacon for every fifty members whose names are on the church roll until a maximum of forty deacons is reached. Deacons shall be elected at regular business meetings of the church by secret ballot.

The deacons shall serve on a rotation basis. Each year the term of office of one third of the number of deacons shall expire, and election shall be held to fill the vacancies. In case of death or removal or incapacity to serve, the church may elect to fill the unexpired term. After serving a term of three years, no deacon shall be eligible for reelection until the lapse of at least one year. There is no obligation to constitute as an active deacon a person who comes to the church from another church where he has served as deacon.

(2) In accordance with the meaning of the work and the practice of the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church. The task of the deacon is to serve with the pastor in performing pastoral ministries tasks; proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers; care for the church members and other



persons in the community; lead the church to engage in a fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, and application; and lead the church in performing its tasks. He shall be expected to attend all meetings, unless providently hindered.

#### **Section 4. Moderator**

The moderator shall be the pastor. In the absence of the pastor, the chairman of deacons shall preside; or in the absence of both the clerk shall call the church to order and an acting moderator shall be elected.

#### **Section 5. Clerk**

The church-elected clerk of the church shall keep in a suitable book a record of all the actions of the church, except as otherwise herein provided. The Clerk is responsible for keeping a register of the names of members, with dates of admission, dismission, or death, together with a record of baptisms. The clerk shall issue letters of dismission voted by the church, preserve on the file all communications and written official reports and give legal notice of all meetings where such notice is necessary, as indicated in these bylaws. The church may delegate some of the clerical responsibilities to a church secretary. All church records are church property and should be filed in the church office when one is maintained.

#### **Section 6. Treasurer**

The church shall elect annually a church treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, preserve, and pay out, upon receipt of vouchers approved and signed by authorized personnel, all money, or things of value paid or given to the church, keeping at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to render to the church at each regular business meeting an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements for the preceding month.

Upon rendering the annual account at the end of each fiscal year and its acceptance and approval by the church, the records shall be delivered by the treasurer to the church clerk, who shall keep and preserve the account as a part of the permanent records of the church.

#### **Section 7. Church Ushers**

Every regular church usher shall be selected by the nominating committee and elected by the church. The usher shall be led by a lead usher also selected by the nominating committee and elected by the church. The ushers are to greet people as they enter and leave the church, seat people at the proper time, provide bulletins and/or other materials at the time of seating. The ushers will be attentive to the needs of the congregation and the pastor.

#### **Section 8. Church Council**

(1) The primary functions of the council shall be to recommend to the congregation suggested objectives and church goals; to review and coordinate program plans recommended by church officers, organizations, and committees; to recommend to the congregation the use of leadership, calendar time, and other resources according to program priorities; and to evaluate program achievements in terms of church goals and objectives.

(2) The council, unless otherwise determined by vote of the church, shall have as regular members the pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Woman's Missionary Union Director, Brotherhood Director, and Chairman of Deacons. Committee chairmen and church-elected officers shall serve as ex officio members.

(3) All matters agreed upon by the council, calling for action not already authorized, shall be referred to the church for approval or disapproval.

### **Section 9. Trustees**

Three trustees elected by the church will hold in trust the church property. They shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property without a specific vote of the church authorizing each action. It shall be the function of the trustees to affix their signatures to legal documents involving the sale, mortgaging or purchase or rental of property or other legal documents where the signature of trustees are required.

## **VII. COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1. General**

All church committee members shall be selected by the nominating committee and elected by the church unless otherwise indicated in the description below. The committee members shall serve on a three year rotation system with one third to be elected each year. The following committees shall be elected.

### **Section 2. Baptism Committee**

The baptism committee shall consist of deacons and their wives. The baptism committee is elected to assist in preparing for the ordinance of baptism. The committee is responsible for preparing the candidates and the baptistry for the ordinance. This is a deacon committee.

### **Section 3. Flower Committee**

The flower committee is responsible for securing, arranging, and disposing of floral arrangements for church services, and for providing flowers for sick and bereaved members.

### **Section 4. History Committee**

The history committee is to preserve and use the historical records of the church. The committee is especially concerned with gathering and preserving available church records, recording full and accurate records, and using the records to help members understand and appreciate their heritage and mission.

### **Section 5. Lord's Supper Committee**

The Lord's Supper committee prepares the elements and the equipment for the observation of the Lord's Supper. The committee does the preparatory and maintenance work needed to observe the memorial service. The committee will prepare the elements on a schedule approved by the church. This is a deacon committee.

### **Section 6. Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee coordinates the staffing of all church leadership positions that are filled by volunteers. The nominating committee recommends persons for all volunteer positions to be elected by the church.

### **Section 7. Properties Committee**

The properties committee assists the church in matters related to properties; administration. Its work includes such areas as maintaining all church properties for ready use, recommending policies regarding use of properties, recommending employment of maintenance personnel, and assigning responsibility to appropriate personnel for supervision.

### **Section 8. Recreation Committee**

The recreation committee will serve the church in seeing that all recreation activities sponsored by the church or any organization unit are properly planned and that they contribute to the ultimate objectives of the church.

### **Section 9. Nursery Committee**

The Nursery committee is to coordinate the church's Nursery activities and to help Nursery parents and teachers work together. The committee will see that adequate provisions are made for Nursery children each time they are at church.

### **Section 10. Benevolence Committee**

The benevolence committee is to perform acts of benevolence to persons in need in the name of Christ and his church. These needs may be physical, social, or mental.

### **Section 11. Kitchen Committee**

The kitchen committee is responsible for formulating and recommending to the church policies for the kitchen and for communicating these physical, social or mental.

### **Section 12. Stewardship Committee**

The stewardship committee develops and recommends an overall stewardship information plan, and administers the gifts of church members, using sound principles of financial management.

### **Section 13. Missions Committee**

The missions committee seeks to discover possibilities for local missions, projects, shares findings with church program organizations, and serves the church in establishing and conducting such missions projects as may be assigned to it.

## **VIII. PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Section 1. General**

All organizations of the church shall be under church control, all officers being elected by the church and reporting regularly to the church. It is understood that the pastor is an ex officio officer of all the organizations named and his leadership to be recognized in them.

### **Section 2. Sunday School**

There shall be a Sunday School, divided into departments and classes for all ages and conducted under the direction of a general superintendent, for the study of God's Word. Sunday School is to be conducted each Sunday morning.

The tasks of the Sunday School shall be to teach the Biblical revelation; lead in reaching all prospects for the church; lead all church members to worship,

witness, learn, and minister daily; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

### **Section 3. Training Union**

There shall be a Training Union, divided into departments for all ages and conducted under the direction of a general director. Training Union is to be conducted each Sunday evening. The Training Union shall serve as the training organization of the church.

The tasks of the Training Union shall be to teach systematic theology, Christian history, Christian ethics, and church polity and organization; give orientation to new church members; train all church members to worship, witness, learn, and minister daily; train leaders for the church and the denomination; discover, recruit, and train potential leaders; provide for specialized training, provide organization and leadership for special mission projects of the church; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

### **Section 5. Brotherhood**

There shall be a Brotherhood, made up of such standard organizations, including Royal Ambassadors, as needed. This program shall be directed by a director who shall be elected by the church. The tasks are to teach missions; lead all men, young men, and boys to participate in mission activities; provide organization and leadership for special projects of the church; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

### **Section 6. Church Music Program**

There shall be a Church Music program under the direction of the minister of music. Such officers and/or organizations shall be included as needed. The music tasks shall be to teach music and hymnody; provide music and musicians for the congregational services and the organizations of the church; lead persons to participate in hymn singing; train persons to lead, sing, and play music; provide organization and leadership for special projects of the church; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

## **IX. CHURCH MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Worship Services**

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday morning and evening for preaching, instruction evangelism, and for the worship of Almighty God and on Wednesday evening for prayer. These meetings will be open for the entire membership of the church and for all people and shall be conducted under the direction of the pastor.

### **Section 2. Regular Business Meetings**

Regular business meetings shall be held monthly on a designated time. Should there be any unusual business or matter of unusual interest to be brought before such regular monthly meetings, notice shall be given the membership one week prior to the meeting.

### **Section 3. Special Business Meetings**

A specially called business meeting may be held to consider special matters of

significant nature. A one week notice must be given for the specially called business meeting.

#### **Section 4. Notice of Called Meetings**

Notice of all specially called business meetings of the church shall be given by announcement one week prior to the meeting, unless extreme urgency renders such notice impractical.

#### **Section 5. Quorum**

The quorum consists of those who attend the business meeting, provided it is a stated meeting or one that has been properly called.

#### **Section 6. Parliamentary Rules**

Roberts Rules of Order Revised is the authority for parliamentary rules of procedure for all business meetings of the church.

#### **Section 7. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the church shall run from January 1st through December 31st. (This motion carried 9-16-64 for Budget proposals. October 1st through September 30 shall be the same as far as promotional activities are concerned; i.e., as Southern Baptist have set up.)

### **X. CHURCH FINANCES**

#### **Section 1.**

The stewardship committee, in consultation with the church council, shall prepare and submit to the church for approval an inclusive budget, indicating by items the amount needed and sought for all local and worldwide expenses.

#### **Section 2.**

All funds for any and all purposes shall pass through the hands of the church treasurer and be properly recorded on the books of the church.

#### **Section 3.**

It is understood that membership in this church involves financial obligation to support the church and its causes with regular, proportionate gifts.

### **XI. DISCIPLINE**

#### **Section 1.**

Should any unhappy differences arise among members, the aggrieved member shall follow, in a tender spirit, the rules given by our Lord in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew.

#### **Section 2.**

Should any case of gross breach of covenant, or of public scandal occur, the deacons shall endeavor to remove the offense; and if the effort fails, shall report the case to the church.

#### **Section 3.**

All such proceedings shall be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance, but should an adverse decision be reached, the church may proceed to admonish or declare the offender to be no longer in the membership of the church.

#### **Section 4.**

Any person whose membership has been terminated for any offense may be restored by vote of the church, upon evidence of his repentance and reformation; or, if an account of continued absence, upon satisfactory explanation.

### **XII. AMENDMENTS**

Changes in this constitution and by-laws may be made at any regular business meeting of the church, provided such amendments shall have been presented in writing at a previous meeting, and copies of the proposed amendment be furnished to each member present. Amendments to the constitution shall be two thirds vote of all members of the church present entitled to vote; amendments to the by laws shall have a concurrence of a majority of the members present and voting.

\*Supply Pastor: According to Recommendations adopted 6-9-65 — The church shall pay supply pastor \$50.00/week for Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday nights and funeral services; \$35.00/week for Sun. morning, Sunday nights and funeral services. Also, the church pay a minister coming to our church for a trial sermon \$20.00 plus \$.05/mile not to exceed \$20.00 for travel; church pay for telephone call in securing pastor or supply pastor.

### **VIII. PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Section 4.**

There shall be a Women's Mission Union with such officers and such forms of organization as needed. The tasks of the WMU shall be to teach missions; lead persons to participate in missions; provide organization and leadership for special mission projects of the church; provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

The ladies of the WMU Council prayerfully request that the deacons of Mount Olive Baptist Church consider amending the Constitution in Item VIII, Section 4 (above):

In times past, our young people have had to depend on parents for financial help when desiring to carry out mission action projects (i.e. carrying treats to patients at the hospital, providing All Occasion cards for prisoners, etc.) We feel that if those young people were allowed to initiate fund raising projects to earn money for these mission action projects, it would be more meaningful to them. If they earn money themselves so that they may share with others, they will be doing true missionary work.

Following are some guidelines which the ladies of the WMU Council feel should be followed:

- a. Fund raising projects (car washes, cake and pie sales, and similar Christian oriented projects) could be held to raise money for mission action projects.
- b. Any out of the ordinary project (questionable projects) would be subject to approval by the pastor, the deacon board, and WMU Council, and other mission groups.
- c. Fund raising projects would be properly supervised by WMU leaders.

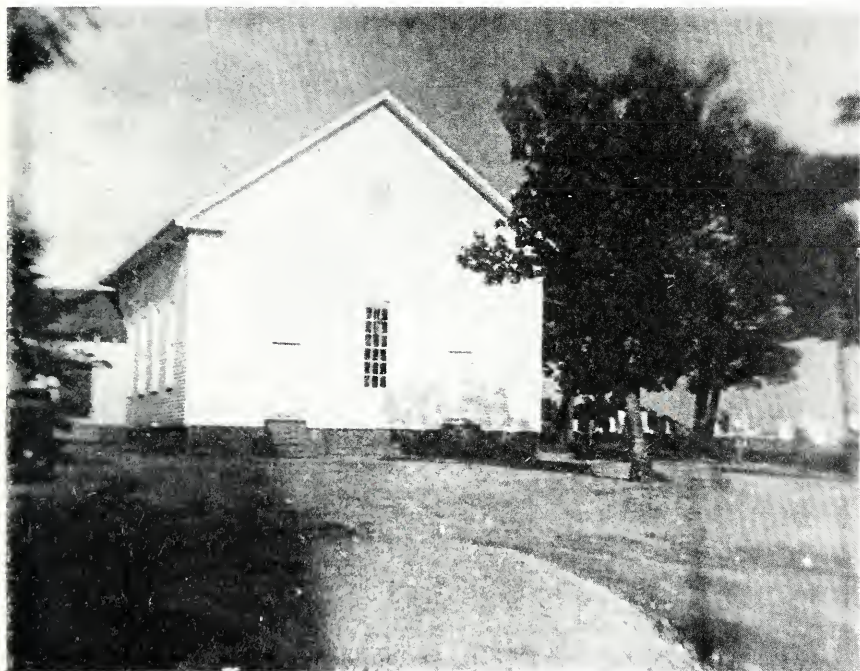


- d. Such fund raising projects would be limited to youth in first through twelfth grades (1-12) (Mission Friends through Acteens and RA's that fall into this bracket. i.e. *Youth Mission Organizations Only*).
- e. All profits from such fund raising projects ONLY. None of this money would be put back into the church for financial support of any kind.
- f. These projects are not to be held at the church or on the property of the church. Shopping Centers and other places would be utilized for these fund raising projects.

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Mount Olive about 1938



Drawing by *Mack Kiser*

Winston-Salem, N.C.

The above sketch is probably what Mount Olive Church looked like before 1889. The building was partly described by some who barely remember it and by some who recall descriptions that they had heard. Mr. Kiser, the Artist, combined these vague descriptions into a beautiful and rugged building that could be a replica of Mount Olive Baptist Church as it appeared a century ago.

